

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Jacques Bonhomme.

Max O'Rell's latest book, Jacques Bonhomme, (New York: Cassell and company) affords a very strong proof that the audacious and always delightful Max is not deteriorating with time.

Unlike its predecessors, John Bull and His Island, Jonathan and His Continent, etc., which were supposed to be inspired by national jealousy, and the very truth and justice of whose criticisms were an added sting to the large self-love of the average Briton and Anglomaniac, who thinks God made the rest of the world for England to conquer if she can, and if she can't, to be jealous of—Jacques Bonhomme is a free, frank and wonderfully fair criticism of his native land; and while the author's passionate love for La Belle France illuminates every sentence, French abuses are dealt with as severely as John Bull himself could deal with them, and course far more intelligently, since John is apt to write crushing denunciations of his neighbors across the channel founded upon the most superficial acquaintance with the volatile "Jacques."

You may well imagine, I repeat it, how amused we French are when we hear certain English people speak of the "Revolutionary Frenchman." One hears curious stories about the French in England; and personally I may say that I have greatly improved my knowledge of France and her people since I have resided there.

And again:

When you English appoint a new government official, it is another servant that you add to your household. When we French appoint a new government official, it is a new master that we give to ourselves to snub us or to bully us. I have an interesting illustration of this.

Two young chemists—one English, the other French—were in partnership in Paris, and one day made up their minds to start afresh in Egypt. Each wrote to his consul in Cairo. The Englishman's letter ran thus:

Dear sir: I am about to open business as a chemist in Cairo. Will you be good enough to tell me what are my chances of success in Egypt, and what formalities, if any, I should have to comply with before entering upon the undertaking?

Yours truly,

JOHN.

By return post he received a most polite letter, containing all the detailed information he wanted.

The young Frenchman wrote:

"Monsieur le Consul-General: I am desirous of setting up as a chemist in Cairo. Dare I hope that you will spare me a few minutes of your valuable time to give me such information and advice as you may consider likely to be of use to me? With many apologies for intruding upon you, I have the honor to be, Monsieur le Consul-General, with greatest respect, your most obedient and humble servant,

JACQUES.

This letter was written four years ago. The dear fellow is still waiting for that consul's reply. Of course his English friend is now established in Cairo, comfortable and prosperous, doing a roaring trade in pills with the new proteges of Her Britannic Majesty.

Now, I leave it to the intelligent reader, whether any Englishman could have shown up the knots in the red tape of French diplomacy half as well as those two letters show it?

And who could draw so pathetic a picture of the French schoolboy's life as one who has passed through all its miseries himself? and who sums them up in this eloquent sentence:

"My opinion is that when French parents have made up their minds to send a boy ten years old to a lycee till he is twenty, they have sentenced him to something very near, in severity, to ten years penal servitude."

So of the faults of the curious system of education where the lectures are delivered to classes of sometimes a hundred boys, of whom some thirty per cent follow them and profit by them, while the rest are "neglected and forgotten, do and learn nothing and are mere wall flowers."

But it is in defence of his own home life that Max O'Rell becomes really sublime. "Home life unknown in France!" he cries indignantly. Why the mistake is one of the most glaring ever made. There is no more home-loving, home-abiding creature on earth than the Frenchman. Not fond of home, those people who emigrate the least; who, when they do emigrate, return to their beloved corner of the world as soon as they have enough to keep their family? "No home-life in France! Not home-loving those families where the mothers are goddesses of economy and order, and the fathers idolizing children."

The French method of prosecuting criminals comes in for a spirited castigation, and, in short, every abuse in France gets its share of blame, while every good and bright and noble trait of Jacques Bonhomme is given loving prominence, as it should be, for who could respect a renegade who had no love of country?

I might make many more extracts, but time and space press, and the best advice I can give is, read the book, and if you enjoy it as much as I have done, my time has not been wasted. And above all things, do not neglect to read the concluding sketch of "From My Letter Box," for it is a most delightful postscript, and full of those touches of nature which "make the whole world kin." Speaking of the critics who write to him and personally abuse him, the author says these few words, which might alone win fame for him, had he not won it already:

"He who goes out into the public streets must expect a splash of mud now and then, and well for him if his broadcloth is not too fine; the spot dries, and—one fling—it is gone!"

GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

PREACHERS IN POLITICS.

Moncton Ministers who Took an Active Interest in the Elections.

The Sunday afternoon political meetings seem to have had the desired effect. The better the day the better the deed, apparently, and the end justifies the means, two very excellent proverbs, which are nevertheless getting a little threadbare now from constant use.

Did you ever read a clever book called Other People's Children? This sounds like a digression, I know, but it bears on the point. Well, if you did, you remember two very small boys who appear in its pages, "Budge" and "Toddy," who have their hearts' desire, in the shape of a baby sister, granted, and when they rush to tell their uncle the joyful news, "Budge" remarks, with a long sigh, "My, the praying we had to do to get her. It makes me fairly ache to think of it!"

And the praying those dear Temperance-Scott-Act people had to do to get in was enough to dislocate their knee joints. It absolutely takes one's breath away to contemplate it.

Doubtless their success has been entirely due to the untiring zeal and pious exhortations of one christian minister, who for love of God and hatred of the other side has spared no effort, left no stone unturned to induce capricious victory to stop rambling around promiscuously, and rest her weary wing by perching on the banner of the temperance party.

The reverend gentleman revolves in altogether too contracted an orbit; what he really wants is a situation like that of Alexander of Macedon. He too sighs for more worlds to conquer. The lowly position of a celestial pilot fails to satisfy his soaring ambition, and he wishes to take charge of the terrestrial globe, too—with a little gold fence round it, please! It is supposed to be rather unusual in the Protestant churches for a minister to want to rule in the perpendicular, horizontal and altogether unparalleled manner that this gentleman aspires to rule in. Talk about priest ridden Rome! Minister ridden Moncton comes nearer the mark. In fact I believe I will take back that little remark about Alexander of Macedon. Pope of Rome, in the old days of the Pope's temporal power, would satisfy this gentleman's ambition, even better. He could then guide the ship of state as the bark ecclesiastic and hold the keys of heaven and earth at the same time.

To do the clergymen of Moncton justice, I am happy to say that the majority of them have held aloof with quiet dignity from the civic contest, and refrained from mixing up politics and religion, or stirring up strife in any way. They have looked upon their office as too sacred and too holy to be dragged through a political contest, and they have been satisfied to set a better example of temperance in the true sense of the word than they could ever do by talking "Scott Act" for a sibboleth, and under its aegis endeavouring to ride down every one whose opinion happens to differ from their own.

I am in the strictest sense of the word a temperate man myself. I never drink under any circumstances, but I have grown to hate the name of temperance. It has become to me since the Scott Act mania set in so violently in Moncton, a synonym for all that is most intemperate, and in the spelling book of the future I should write it thus: "Temperance—Intemperate Zeal."

The town is now given over to the tender mercies of the Scott Act for the coming year, and it behooves us to make the best of our bargain, but this much I will allow myself the privilege of saying. That Mr. McSweeney—stigmatized by the temperance party as the rumseller—and his colleague served the town well and faithfully during their term of office; that they are entitled to thanks of the citizens for the manner in which they discharged their duties, and that if the temperance councillors do as well they will have to work pretty hard to win their laurels.

The Business of the Mutual.

The annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York shows the remarkable progress made by this institution during twelve months. The record made by the Mutual eclipses its own best efforts, and naturally exceeds that of any other financial institution in the world. The new business written amounted to \$151,602,483.37, an increase of \$48,388,222.05 over the new risks assumed in 1888, and a gain of \$82,144,015 over the business of 1887—showing a continuous and phenomenal advance. The assets of the Mutual Life now aggregate \$136,401,328.02, indicating a gain for the year of \$10,319,174.46. The company has now an outstanding insurance account amounting to \$565,949,933.92. Its total income from all sources is reported at \$31,119,019.62. It paid to its members during the year for death claims and endowments and other obligations \$15,200,608.38. Up to date the Mutual had 182,310 policies in force, showing a gain in membership for the year of 25,941, thus forming the biggest army of policy-holders in any regular Life Insurance Company in the world. The surplus fund was increased \$1,717,184.81 in 1880, and the Mutual now has \$9,657,248.44 over and above every liability.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

MARCH 12.—Miss Priestly, of Fredericton, who has been visiting Mrs. S. Hayward at the village for two weeks, has returned home.

Mr. George H. Wallace, stipendiary magistrate, Mr. E. Morton, judge of probates, and Mr. A. S. White, M. P., of Sussex, were among the visitors in town on Monday.

Mrs. Gilbert Bell is making a short visit to her brothers in the city.

Mr. John Russell and Mr. Edward Armstrong accompanied by the Misses Tapley, of the North End, drove up from the city on Sunday, and spent the day visiting their friend, Miss Maggie Barnes, returning in the evening.

Mrs. George E. Frost and Mrs. Noah M. Barnes went to the city on Saturday. Mrs. Frost is spending a few days with her parents there.

Mr. W. W. Wells, of Dorchester, and Mr. C. A. Palmer, of St. John, were in town on Monday, attending the Probate court.

Mrs. Charles Watters spent a day or two at the village last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayward.

Misses Bessie and Nellie Peters were visiting relatives in St. John last week.

Mrs. E. Hallett, of Sussex, is spending a few weeks with friends here.

Rev. W. Tippet, a former pastor of the Methodist church here, is spending a few days in town.

Miss Jennie Raymond and Miss Flewelling went to the city on Monday.

Mrs. Frederic S. Sharp, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lulu Sharp, spent Sunday in Hampton, visiting her brother, Mr. J. B. Belyea.

Mr. Frederic Flewelling, of St. John, spent Sunday with relatives at the village.

Miss Lila Whittaker came to Hampton on Saturday, and is visiting her friend, Miss Maggie K. Barnes.

Dr. Taylor, M. P., left for Fredericton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fraser (nee Wedderburn) who have been travelling through Canada and New England since their departure from Hampton on the 5th of February, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday last, and were warmly received in their future home by hosts of friends.

Mr. H. A. McKeown, M. P., occupied the platform at Smith's hall, near the station, on Tuesday evening, and delivered the fourth lecture in the side-walk fund course. His subject was "Our Eastern Empire."

WOODSTOCK, N. B.

[Progress is for sale in Woodstock at Everett's Bookstore.]

MARCH 12.—Last week a party of twelve or fourteen had a snowshoe tramp down to Mr. Steven Peabody's, a distance of about two miles. After a pleasant dance they returned about midnight.

On Monday evening the Bun club had a drive about town, and judging from what I heard it was most enjoyed. After the drive they had a supper. This drive was a farewell to Mr. Bert Bent, one of their members, who left the next day for Boston to take a situation with an old employer. He will be missed.

Dr. Hand and bride have taken rooms at the Wilbur House, where they receive their friends each Wednesday in March.

Mr. A. D. Holyoke went to St. John on Saturday to take a course in shorthand.

Mrs. J. T. Gardiner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Macdonald, in St. John.

Mr. W. H. Stevens, of the custom house, St. Stephen, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. R. E. Welch is slowly recovering from a very severe illness induced by la grippe.

Mr. T. B. Winslow, of the public works department, Fredericton, and Mrs. Winslow spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Moses Boyer and daughter, Bertha, returned on Friday from Malden, Mass. I hear that Miss Bertha has turned her visit to good account by taking a course in music.

Mr. L. Watts and Mr. C. R. Watson have gone to Ottawa on business.

Mrs. Cosman left for St. John on Monday, where she will visit the doctor and in a few weeks return to their home in Minneapolis.

Miss Seely, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. John Fisher.

Hal Morse has returned from the Dental college, Philadelphia, and intends opening an office for the practice of his profession.

AMHERST, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Amherst on the streets, by George Douglas.]

MARCH 12.—Mr. Fred Reid, of St. John, was in town last week.

Mr. James Wallace, of Halifax, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dickey returned from Ottawa on Saturday last.

Miss Black, of Sackville, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. Thomas R. Black, M. P.

Miss Myra Black gave a lemon party on Wednesday evening. This is something new here, and likely to be quite popular. It is certainly an improvement on the donkey parties, which never seemed to take very well here.

Mrs. Beaulieu Smith had a very pleasant 5 o'clock tea on Friday last for a large number of her lady friends.

Miss Harding spent a night here on her return to Halifax from Dorchester, where she had been summoned by the illness of her uncle, Judge Fraser.

Mr. Charles Oxley, of Oxford, who passed such a creditable examination at Dalhousie college, has resumed his studies here with Messrs. Townshend & Dickey.

Mrs. Dickey, of Grove cottage, entertained several ladies at a 4 o'clock tea on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Tremaine had a small whist party on Tuesday evening.

DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

MARCH 12.—Messrs. C. R. Palmer and G. M. Jarvis, of Moncton, and H. E. Fawcett, of Sackville, were in town Thursday.

Mr. E. Byron Winslow, of Fredericton, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with Judge and Mrs. Fraser.

Messrs. J. H. Hickman, W. E. Lawrence, A. T. Trites, and A. M. took advantage of the splendid day on Saturday, and drove over to Shediac, returning the following evening.

Miss Alice Hay, who is on her way from Halifax to Fredericton, is in town for a few days visiting her sister, Miss Hay.

A number of our young men went to Moncton on Monday to attend the civic elections.

Mr. Fred Bliss returned to Fredericton, Thursday evening.

Miss Plant and Miss Peters took the Quebec express last evening for Bathurst, where they will spend a week or ten days with Rev. George Peters, brother of Miss Peters.

Hon. D. L. Hamilton left by the C. P. R. for Fredericton, to be in attendance at the opening of the house, tomorrow.

Judge Fraser is gradually though slowly improving, and hopes are entertained that he will be able to return home in about two weeks.

Mrs. Fraser, who has been quite ill, is very much better.

Mrs. Wm. Weldon, of Moncton, is in town, the guest of Mr. William Hickman.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

At Christ church rectory, Winnipeg, recently, the Rev. Edwy S. W. and Mrs. Pentreath, who are both natives of New Brunswick, invited the New Brunswickers attending Christ church to a social reunion. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carman, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peters, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peters, Miss M. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Breddon, Mr. and Mrs. Fenn, Miss Buck, Mrs. Jonah, Mr. W. Currie, Mr. B. V. Millidge, Miss Millidge, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Holmes, of Rat Portage, Kings, Westmorland, St. John, Carleton, Charlotte, York and Northumberland counties were represented. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and many memories of New Brunswick were recalled.

The Province by the Sea holds a very warm place in the hearts of her children, who find no province equal to her in beauty of scenery, and none superior in the pleasant and social domestic life of her towns and villages. New Brunswick dishes were a feature of the evening, and with music and social converse the hours passed away, and the company separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

ST. ANDREWS.

MARCH 13.—Miss Bessie Magee has returned from Boston, where she has been spending some months.

Mrs. McKee has resumed her duties in the Western Union telegraph office, after a visit to her parents in Halifax.

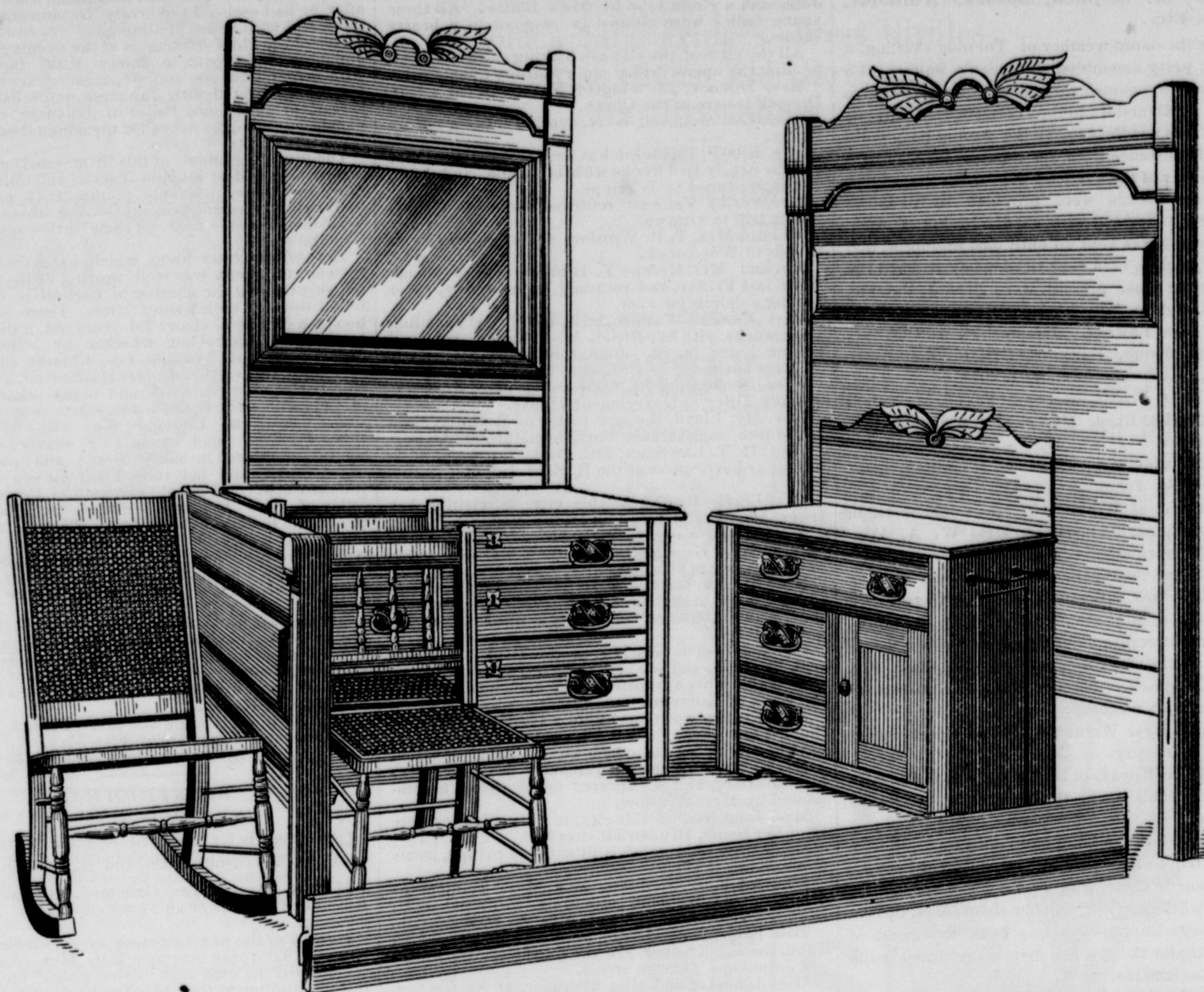
Mr. John Treadwell and wife started for their Western home last Monday.

Rev. Canon Ketchum and Rev. Arch. Gunn spent a few days of last week in St. John.

Sad news reached here on Friday last of the death in Boston of Mr. Albert Bailey, a native of St. Andrews, but late a resident of Reading, Mass.

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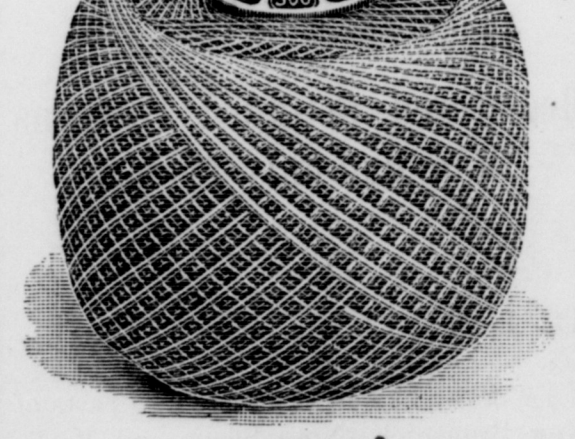
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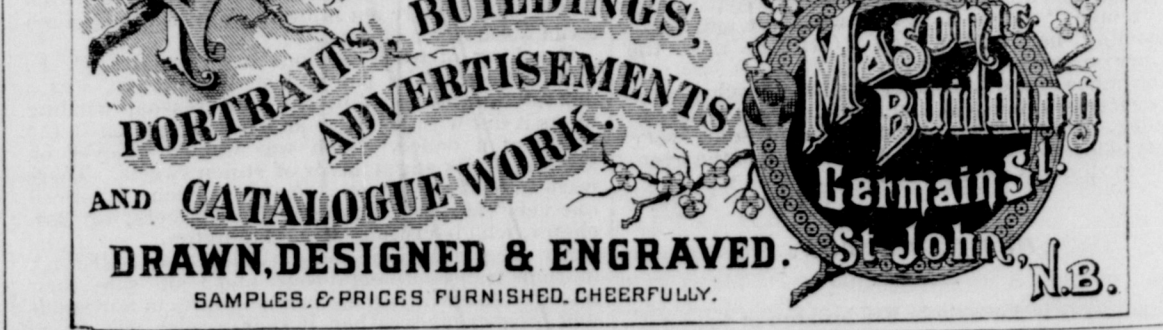
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