

BYGONE DAYS RECALLED

AN OLD TIMER'S REMINISCENCES OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

How the People Talked and Acted when the First Railway Project was Mooted—A Man who Talked Like Mr. Leary—A Tribute to a well-known Citizen.

The new dock enterprise started in St. John for the fourth time within the last twenty years, brings to me recollections of former embryo undertakings, in which St. John has been so prolific and at the same time so barren of results.

Some thirty-five or forty years ago, it was all railroad talk. The press teemed with accounts of these "modern civilizers," as we then called them.

The resolutions were passed nem. con. published and went abroad upon the wings (not the wind) of the Press, pretty much after the fashion of the present day when political issues are up.

The next Chapter informs us of a Proposition made by Messrs. Peto, Brassey, Beets and Jackson, of London, who offered to build said Railroad—viz: from St. John to Shediac—for £7,500 per mile, and find everything; and to do the work in two years from the date of commencement.

The Company in St. John, for there was a company—like some other Companies which operate upon other people's means without putting a cent in of their own—next received through their chairman, Mr.

Robert Jardine, a letter from Mr. Jackson who would leave Liverpool by the next steamer and arrive in St. John and confer with the directors. Veni, vidi, vici. The writings were drawn up, "sealed, signed and delivered."

As an evidence of the entente cordiale that existed between England and the United States ten years ago, and the same now I hope, I recall a striking incident, although it does not belong to "Old Times."

At a masquerade ball in Hartford a few years ago the writer noticed an ingenious device of the door tender. He had a small rubber stamp with his initials and date.

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Why does that maiden moan in bed? Why does she bow her auburn head? Why are her eyes so very red? The maid has influenza.

THADDEUS IS AT WORK.

A CORRESPONDENT WHO CAUGHT HIM ON THE FLY.

His Yellow Valise and His Roseate Views of the Political Situation—A Friend of the Government is of Opinion that Mr. Blair is All Right.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 30.—Who will be the leader of the opposition? Will they be able to organize so as to present a solid front when the local legislature meets?

Mr. Stevens was in St. John all day on Saturday last. Here he interviewed several members of the opposition and also Mr. Thomas Hetherington, M. P., of Queens.

The yellow valise went to Fredericton by the Saturday evening train. So did Mr. Stevens. So did Mr. Ryan. It is not surprising that being obliged to remain over Sunday in Fredericton, Thaddeus should call upon George F. He did so and this accounted for the absence of George from the means of grace.

Mr. Stevens is quite outspoken in his views upon the political situation. He makes no secret of the fact that he is marshalling his forces for the grand assault.

But, while he cannot be leader himself, Mr. Stevens frankly avows that he will not follow the leadership of Mr. Hanington. Furthermore, he states that Mr. Hanington has no capacity for leadership.

As to where Mr. Melanson would be found, Mr. Stevens thought he would vote with the opposition, though he admitted it was a hard pill for him to swallow when he asked the French electors of Westmoreland to vote for him.

What does Premier Blair think of the situation? The readers of PROGRESS will want to know. Well, those who know the fighting powers and generalship of the man of York would hardly expect him to give up the ship of state without a struggle.

On the contrary they would expect him to close-haul the old craft and clear the decks for action. They would regard it strange if he did not try to make it warm for those who proposed to lay hands of sacrilege upon the seals of office.

George F. has been buried way back in the woods, in a beautiful hole in the ground, where the bumble-bees buzz and the woodpeckers sing.

As to whether another seat will be found for Mr. McLellan, the Premier is non-committal. It is safe to say that if a constituency is opened for the Secretary, the battle-ground will be chosen where the opposition guns can fire with little effect.

Out at Sea.

HE WAS TOUGH TO THE LAST.

How a Fighting Farmer made Preparations to Depart Hence.

He had been a very wicked old man, but his long and sinful life was drawing to a close. A mortal illness had seized upon him, and the King of Terrors was so near that the ancient sinner could feel his cold breath fanning his wicked old brow.

But at last there was no more room for doubt, even in the patient's own mind; he must die, and die soon. The time left for making his peace with earth and Heaven was brief indeed, and at last the dying man seemed softened.

The farmer rushed into the chamber of death, sheepishly, and stood twirling his hat just inside the door, and an embarrassed pause ensued, broken at last by the sick man.

"I'm agoin' to die, they tell me, Jones," he began, "An' I thought I'd better kind of square things up before I went; I 'spose it aint the thing exactly to go out of the world fightin', so I sent for you."

Naturally, after so agitating an interview the patient was scarcely in a proper frame of mind to receive spiritual instruction, and the minister's reception was decidedly cool.

"Our beloved brother here, whose time of departure has drawn nigh," said the minister with unctuous piety, "has been a sinner—"

"Look a-here!" yelled the sinner, suddenly sitting up in bed, "your business here aint preachin'! it's prayin'; you was sent for to pray, an' if you're goin' to pray why in h—ll-I-I don't you get at it!"

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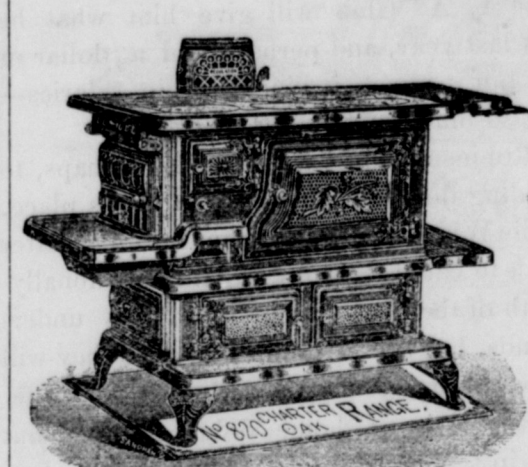
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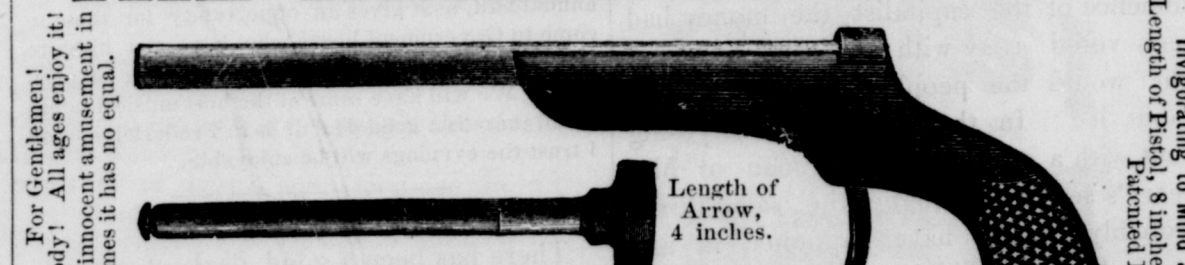
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