

Public opinion has compelled the Ottawa government to take back water in regard to the Caron charges. When Mr. Edgar made his charges against the plumed knight from his place in the house, Sir John Thompson once and for all announced his intention of shutting off the inquiry. The persistent efforts of the opposition, however, whose sledge hammer blows began to tell on the more independent of the government supporters, together with the defection of the independent press, have compelled the government to recede from the firm stand they took at the beginning of the session, and to make, at least, a pretence of willingness to investigate the charges.

The success of the liberal campaign against corruption last session has evidently not been forgotten by premier Abbott and his friends, who have taken care that a repetition of the dose be not administered to them. They have refused to allow the charges to be investigated by the committee of the house, in which they have a majority, and have compelled their supporters to carry a resolution referring the matter to a royal commission to be appointed by the accused and his colleagues in office. But not content with this outrage upon custom and precedent, they have altered Mr. Edgar's indictment against Caron so that it contains charges which he never made, and which he has no means of proving, and illuminates the specific charges so that they are almost bound to miscarry. In other words, the accused minister and his colleagues have said what the charges are to be, and who are to decide them. When Sir John Thompson so hastily announced his intention not to have the charges investigated, it was generally believed that the government knew too well that, when public opinion has compelled the government's recognition, their actions in altering the charges, and refusing to have them investigated by the usual and constitutional means, must strengthen that belief into a certainty.

The course of Sir John Thompson since he assumed a position of responsibility in the commons sense is very disappointing to the independent friends and supporters of the government throughout the dominion. When the revelations of Tory corruption and misrule after the death of Sir John Macdonald threatened to overwhelm the party, the better element of the conservatives turned in their despair to Sir John Thompson, and upon him they pinned their faith in the redemption of their party. Indeed so general, for some reason, was the reputation of the minister of justice for fairness and uncompromising honesty, and so fervent were his promises to rid the party of corruption at all costs, that it is not too much to say that many liberals hoped that at least one honest government for a time. Recent events, however, have shown to the bitter disappointment of many, of many conservatives as well as liberals, that the hope and the confidence were alike misplaced. Sir John Thompson has shown himself to be the most dangerous kind of a sinner, of the kind that appear in the garb of piety, and are known by the name of hypocrite.

THE ST. JOHN SUN, with its usual disregard for facts, gave its subsidized opinion, that the government at Ottawa in dealing with the Caron charges, had shown a lively desire to have the whole matter sifted to the bottom without delay, while, according to the same source, Mr. Blair was instrumental in burking the inquiry into the charges made by the local opposition this winter. If the luminary had shed abroad the light of truth, it would have told its readers that Mr. Blair tried to do just what the opposition at Ottawa have been striving this session to do; have the charges fully investigated by a committee of the people's representatives, while the government at Ottawa do just as the matter out of the hands of the house, and refer it to a royal commission.

STANLEY.
MAY 4.—Farmers here are preparing for seeding, but no grain has yet been sown.
A large meeting of the farmers and their wives and daughters was held in the temperance hall on May 3rd. Dr. Moore was elected chairman and opened the meeting with a few complimentary remarks introducing Mr. Hubbard who addressed the meeting on local dairying. Mr. Hubbard's remarks were listened to with strict attention, and strongly impressed the farmers here to form themselves into a co-operative dairying association. The speaker said that this work which the government is undertaking has already aroused the feeling among the farmers that they will not take a second place, if they can help it, to the farmers of any other country, and though some men look on the dark side of life, by far the greater number are interested in their own country and have a determination to develop, so far as they can, its agricultural resources. Mr. Hubbard showed that the farmers in Ontario profited by co-operative associations in cheese and butter. The speaker said that the exported butter to England cost half a cent per pound freight, and that butter from Australia to England sold at a profit, that the farmers of this country have just as good a chance to profit by exporting butter and cheese as any of the other countries. If the farmers will improve their stock in quality, and feed and properly care for them in winter, raise corn to feed and build silos to keep it in, they could succeed. The government has four different samples of corn and will give five pounds of corn to any farmer making application for same, as a test sample, free of charge. Mr. Hubbard's address and illustrations were much appreciated by those present, most of whom were personally interested in the making of butter. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hubbard for his very able address. The following is the list of officers elected for this year known as the Stanley dairymen's association: Joseph Thornburn, president; John Boyd, vice-president; Thos. W. Currie, secretary-treasurer; with a list of thirty members on the roll.

This is a cold spring for driving and the snow is wasting away and the rains so far do not appear to make much water; the streams are very low and only by the flood from the dam on the various streams can any work be done to advantage. Alexander Fraser, Gibson's foreman on the South Tay stream, has eighty men to work on the drive, and three million and a half of lumber. They expect to be out in the main Nashuak on the 10th of May. Young Bros. or Cross Creek have seventy-five men to work on the drive, and expect to start near Friday, May 6th. James Humble's drive on Ryan's brook is having up for the want of water, but his drive on McLean brook will be out on Monday, May 9th. John Angus McLean, Gibson's foreman on the main Nashuak, will start the rear of his drive from Governor brook dam on Monday, May 9th. Jeremiah Bell has a crew at the Narrows camp. John Green's drive on the Dunbar stream has reached the Nashuak. Croft and Malone's drive is out of Jewett brook into the main Taxis river. Buchanan's drive is hung up.

LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.
MAY 4.—Samuel Moore has gone to Waterville, Maine, where he has secured a situation.
Robert Crowdon is engaged with John Anderson, M. P. P., Bangor, rafting lumber.
As wages are high in Maine for stream driving, Close Nevers and William Ward have gone to try their luck.
Edward Hadden has returned home from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Dow Hagerman, Houlton, Maine.
C. A. Hoyt returned last week from a business trip to St. John.

Very little farming has been done in this place yet.
Benj. Burden has leased a lot of ground from C. F. Burden and is making preparations to build a house.
It is very inconvenient to the public that the steamer Florenville cannot land at Burden's landing, owing to a large rock being carried by the ice to that place. This is one of the principal landing places along the river.
Rev. H. D. Worden, of Hammondville, passed through here yesterday.
E. H. Peters has returned home from a business trip to different sections of the county.
Miss Nellie Hoyt, who is attending Normal school, spent Sunday, the 24th ult., at her home.
Miss Ella Harper has been in poor health for some time. It is hoped she may soon recover.
Mrs. N. McCormack, who spent the winter with her son at Magundy, has moved into her summer residence.
J. W. Smith lost a very fine hog a few days ago.
Mrs. M. Hoyt, who has been ill with the grippe, is convalescent.
Rumors are afloat that a happy young couple of this place are made one. Should it prove correct, we extend congratulations and wish them a pleasant voyage down the stream of life.

BROCKWAY.
MAY 5.—The weather is extremely cold for this season.
Thos. Cloney, jr., has been very ill the past week with pneumonia, but we are pleased to hear this morning that he is feeling some better.
Last evening the young folks enjoyed a visit to the stream drivers tent.
Arthur L. Moran, overseer for C. F. Todd & Son, has been up this week looking after their interests in this vicinity.
Mrs. Robert Young has gone to visit her aunt at Lynn, Mass.
The water in the river is now quite high, and the drive is going along fine.
Mrs. Joseph Thomas presented her husband with a young daughter last week.
There are rumors of a local poet in our midst. None of his works have, as yet, appeared in print, but we trust they will some time in the near future.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis spent last week visiting in being with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, at Prince William station.

PENNIAC.
MAY 5.—It becomes our duty to report the death of another neighbor, Wilford Christie, which occurred yesterday about twelve o'clock. Deceased had been in failing health for several months, but did not suffer much pain until about three weeks ago. From that time till his death he suffered greatly. Disease, consumption, business affairs, and family troubles, were all present. He was 72 years of age. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a good man. He is survived by a wife and several children. The funeral will be held on Monday, May 8th, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, at Prince William station.

ALLANDALE.
MAY 4.—Father O'Leary, of Kingsclear, paid us a professional visit and preached an eloquent sermon on Wednesday last. Farming is backward here, owing to the weather being so cold.
A strange steamer passed up the river the first of the week, causing much speculation among our residents as to her mission and whither she was going.
FISHING.—A meeting of the Benous and Dunbar fishing club met at the office of Dr. Coulthard on Tuesday evening. Lovers of the rod are getting their tackle ready for some heavy fishing. Good catches have already been reported from the smaller streams in this vicinity, and the season will be over a fortnight at least earlier than last year.

DOAKTOWN.
MAY 3.—In the Baptist church, Ludlow, on the 20th ult., the Rev. Jas. A. Porter, assisted by brother J. Price and Rev. A. Estabrook, performed the marriage ceremony between Jas. E. Pond and Miss Dorothy Hovey, both of Ludlow, North county. The contracting parties have many friends who wish them all happiness.
Charles Mitchell passed away in the 80th year of his age. He leaves eight daughters and one son to mourn their loss.
Monday, the 25th of April, was a day long to be remembered by the people of this place. About 12 o'clock Harvey Doak's house was discovered to be on fire, and so far under way that it was impossible to save them. He lost a good deal of machinery, with two or three sets of harness and three calves. With a strong force of men and plenty of water ready, he saved his house. It was very dry that day and the wind blew hard from the westward. The brands of fire blew over Mr. Doak's house and caught on the school house and hall. The organ and most of the furniture were saved. We saw that the Baptist church would also be consumed, and great efforts were also put forth to save the furniture, which were successful. The organ, seats, doors, windows and pulpit were all cleaned out and nothing left to burn but the bare house. Mr. Doak was pretty well insured. There were four hundred dollars on the school house and hall. There was no insurance on the church. The people will have to postpone the building of a parsonage and put forth effort now to get up a church instead. The Presbyterian friends have invited the Baptists to use their house until they get one built.

RUSAGORNIS.
MAY 4th.—We are glad to learn that Mrs. Lewis Gersau is recovering from a severe attack of grippe.
Six men left here a few days ago for Big Run, Pennsylvania, where they will tarry for a time.
Mrs. Thomas Phillips has gone to Reading, Mass., to make a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Milbury. Her many friends wish her a safe passage and an enjoyable time.
Miss Mary Bryson and Miss Alice Bunker have gone to Fredericton to learn dressmaking.
Mark Carr, a well-to-do farmer of this place, is eighty-eight years old. He is hale and hardy and can do the work of a young man. On Monday last he took his team and ploughed all day and walked to the village store in the evening, a distance of two miles from his home. During the past winter he cut from one and one half cords of wood a day. He stands erect and walks apparently as easy as a man of sixty years, and has never had any sickness during his life.
The dogs have commenced their work to-day. There were seen chasing a flock of sheep owned by John Smith through his pasture. Before the dogs could be driven off they tore some of the sheep so badly that two or three will die.

NORTH LAKE.
MAY 5.—Farmers in this vicinity are working both late and early to prepare the soil for seeds.
The M. E. Shaw, of Forest City, made her first voyage across the lake yesterday, the ice having gone out the preceding day. This boat will be in much demand during the driving season as all the logs in North and Grand Lakes are to be towed as far as Forest City.
Hugh McLean is recovering from the injuries received in his encounter with an enraged bull.
Mrs. W. W. Boone is rapidly recovering from a severe illness.
H. Butterfield, formerly of Weston, Me., who recently was one of our charming girls, is residing in our neighborhood. From his business habits and general activity, we judge that he will be a valuable acquisition to our settlement.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION.
APRIL 3.—Miss Fannie Hoyt left here for Boston Wednesday evening. She will be missed very much by her many friends.
On Sunday, the 1st, the funeral sermon of Charlotte and Lizzy Tracey, who died some months ago of typhoid fever, was preached by Rev. G. W. Foster. He preached a very impressive sermon, the text being 7th chapter of Ecclesiastes, and 14th verse. The R. T. of T. and Loyal Legion of which the deceased were members, marched from the residence of Mr. Tracey to the church, in memory of the two, who had left their ranks.
A concert will be held in the hall at this place on Monday, 13th, arbor day. We are certain that it will be a success, as it is under the skillful management of our two school teachers, S. D. Alexander and Miss Ella Patterson, who are taking great pains in getting it up.
Mrs. J. B. Morgan has gone to spend a few weeks in Fredericton.

KINGARTH.
MAY 1.—There is a number of cattle belonging to different owners dying around here.
We are glad to state that Miss Nicholson is improving in her health. She was attacked with the grippe.
The weather has been very fine during the past week, and the farmers are busy ploughing, as the ground is quite dry.
Your correspondent at this place is brightening up some of the fine residences of Prince William.
John Kilburn is building a fine wagon house and grainery which is a credit to the place.
Augustus Barr, of Woodstock, passed through here on business the other day. He seemed to be in a great hurry.
Charles Cox, second son of Charles D. Cox, met with a painful accident Saturday by breaking his right arm. The little fellow is doing as well as can be expected.

AROUND THE WORLD.
The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.
The railway committee has confirmed the agreement between the Tobique valley railway company and the C. P. R.
Rev. W. B. Hinson, of Moncton, who went to Europe for the benefit of his health is now in England and is feeling better.
The residence of the late Mr. Perley, M. P., which cost \$20,000, sold the other day for \$7,000. And this was in Ottawa.
The will of the late Wm. Astor leaves the bulk of his fortune, amounting to \$70,000,000, to his son, John Jacob Astor.
Complete accord in the Behring sea matter between England and the United States has been announced in the house of commons.
The Duke of Westminster has increased to £10,000 his offer of reward for the parties implicated in the conspiracy to poison his horse "Orme."
It is generally believed that knight-hood will be conferred upon chief justice LaSalle, as well as premier Abbott, on the coming Queen's birthday.
The Paris police have notified the St. Petersburg police of the department from France of a party of Nihilists who are plotting against the Czar.
The lockout in the Lancashire, Eng., cotton trade has been settled. Both masters and workmen have agreed to resume operations Monday. There were 60,000 operatives locked out.
The brickmakers of Toronto have resolved to reduce wages all round twenty-five and seventy-five cents per day. The employers, however, will resist the reduction and will go out on strike if it is attempted.

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