

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

This is the season of kindly feelings and good wishes, and THE HERALD desires to enter fully into the spirit of the joyous occasion. To all our friends we wish a very Merry Christmas. May the spirit of Him who has given us health and energy to celebrate the return of the happy Christmas, abound in every heart. May peace, prosperity, and happiness, reign supreme among the people, and while we celebrate the grandest event in the history of the world, may we do so with gratitude and thankfulness to God, that through his love, we are able to rejoice today in a risen Saviour, whose birth, more than eighteen hundred years ago, sent a thrill of joy and thanksgiving to the remotest corner of the universe.

GOVERNOR FRASER.

As anticipated by THE HERALD last week, the Dominion government have appointed Judge Fraser to the governorship of New Brunswick, and His Honor was formally sworn into office yesterday. The elevation of Judge Fraser to the honorable position, meets with general approval from all parties, and THE HERALD predicts for him, a successful and popular administration of his new office. His Honor has had a long and varied experience in public affairs in this country, and has made a creditable record. He served in both branches of the legislature, he was provincial secretary, attorney general, premier, and judge, and now receives the highest office in the province, rounding out a career of usefulness to his country, and one of credit to himself. As a lawyer, a politician, and a judge, Mr. Fraser has been esteemed and honored, but as a man, he has won the affection of the people to a remarkable degree. His kindly heart, unobtrusive manners, and honesty of purpose, have been every-where marked and appreciated, and it is these qualities, that have won for him the large degree of popularity he enjoys. No doubt His Honor will carry all his virtues into the exercise of his new duties and responsibilities, and at the end of his term, will be able to review his career in the gubernatorial office with as much pride and satisfaction, as he may fairly indulge in, in the retrospect of his service at the bar, in the legislature, and on the bench.

THE HERALD desires to sincerely join in the congratulations extended to Governor Fraser, and that he may enjoy good health, happiness, and satisfaction in his new relations, in our warmest wish.

AFRAID TO FACE THE PEOPLE.

Their overwhelming defeat in Winnipeg, seems to have struck terror into the hearts of the Dominion government, and there will be no more constitutions voluntarily opened during the present parliament. It was intended to appoint R. S. White, M. P., for Cardwell, to the collectorship of customs at Montreal, which has been vacated, and now, but better counsels have prevailed in the very camp since the Winnipeg defeat, and Mr. White will have to wait until parliament is dissolved for the much coveted position. Cardwell in its present temper would promptly show the government its last prestige all over the country, and now, understanding the challenge of Dalton McCarthy, the constituency will not be opened. The same is true of Soutages, Quebec. Mr. Bain, the member for that county, has the promise of a post office inspectorship in his pocket, but, like Mr. White, will have to wait. Nor indeed does the government feel any safer regarding New Brunswick constituencies. It is an open secret that Mr. McLeod, M. P., for St. John city would have had the inside track for the judgeship conferred on Dr. Barker, had the administration dared to open that constituency. At home here in York, it is known that Mr. Temple, for the past year, has been prosecuting his campaign for a seat in the senate. He does not care to wait for a dissolution of parliament; his claims might be overlooked in the general craze that will follow then, and he wants the position now. The government just now, however, are thinking more of their own salvation, than of Mr. Temple's desire to be safely housed before the storm arises, and notwithstanding the professional partnership made for the Ottawa administration, they will not heed his importunity. It would not be safe to open York, even with the conservative "barrel" which is always to the front, and so Mr. Temple, like Mr. White and Mr. Bain, will have to wait. The government are promising great things with the tariff reform measure they propose introducing at the approaching session, but it will take more than tariff reform to satisfy the people of Canada. The administration pretend to be willing to listen to the demands of the country, but they are like the thief who throws up his hands only when a revolver glances in his face. The electorate are demanding more than tariff reform, and they mean to have it. No amount of tory trimming on the tariff question will throw the taxpayers off the scent. The oppressive taxes must be cut down; the monopolists who have ruled for the past fifteen years must be got rid of, and that the government are beginning to realize the feeling of the people, is distinctly shown by their refusal to open any constituency, even at the demand of their hungry office seeking supporters.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

THE HERALD, with a large proportion of the citizens of Fredericton, entertained the hope, that when the school trustees had time to reflect on the mistake they made in reducing the high school teachers' salaries they would at least delay until spring putting their alleged economy resolution into effect, but it appears we gave the gentlemen of the board more credit for business like principles and regard for the educational interests of the city than they deserved. At their meeting this week, they confirmed their former action, and as a result, George A. Inch, one of the most successful teachers ever employed in the city service, has been driven out of his position, and the other two male teachers in the high school are discouraged in their work, by cut salaries. The trustees, to speak in the mildest terms, have shown an entire disregard for public opinion and the public interests, which they are supposed to represent. To save a few hundred dollars, they have dealt a severe blow at an institution that has always been the pride of Fredericton, and the people will hold them responsible for their action. To THE HERALD, at least, it seems very absurd for the trustees to erect a school building, which costs in the vicinity of thirty thousand dollars, and then almost as soon as it is occupied, turn round and weaken the machinery it con-

tal for the education of the youth of this city. No shrewd business man, no gentleman with ordinary claims to intelligence, and appreciation of the best interests of Fredericton, ought to place himself in a position to be charged with a transaction of this kind. The trustees ought not to be above and beyond consideration for the practically unanimous voice of the people. They do not own the positions on the board; they are there by the will of the people, four through government appointment, and three by election of the city council. They are therefore amenable for their acts, and THE HERALD will be surprised if public comment on the salary cutting business is not shown in some practical way. When our appointments to the board voluntarily impose on themselves the duty of carrying out the public desire in the management of the schools, and when they no longer represent the popular feeling, they should resign their positions, or be prepared to take the consequences. THE HERALD has always held the trustees in esteem; it had confidence in their judgment and discretion; it felt that the educational affairs were safe in their hands, but in the past few weeks we have been grievously disappointed in them, and in discussing their acts as we have, we are in line with the city and the people, and with the people, the trustees whose opinions the newspapers pretty generally reflect.

Judging by the frantic efforts of Mr. Jordan's newspaper friends to boom him for the mayoralty, his chances of success would appear to be very slim. The election of Judge Fraser to the highest position in their gift, Mr. Jordan should be able to advance some substantial reasons in support of his candidature. It is not enough to say that he is the candidate of this or that society. The citizens want a chief magistrate who knows something about the business he will have to handle, and one who has shown some degree of sympathy and interest in civic affairs.

Dr. Fred E. Barker, the well known St. John lawyer, who is to succeed Judge Fraser on the supreme court bench, for many years has been a prominent figure at the bar, and will bring to the discharge of his duties, the necessary qualifications for a successful judge. If the appointment had to be made from the conservative party, no more worthy gentleman than Dr. Barker could have been chosen. His presence on the bench will give character and strength to the highest court in the province, and increase the respect of that body in the minds of the people.

The Attorney General does not need the position of chief justice to give him prestige in this country, and while it was very thoughtful in some of his tory friends bringing his name forward for the office, their motives were entirely too plain to deceive even the unwary.

SKETCH OF THE GOVERNOR.

Born at Miramichi, but has Lived Here from His Youth.

The Dominion government have at last mustered up sufficient courage to fill the vacant governorship, and have selected Hon. John J. Fraser, Judge of the Supreme Court, for that position. The vacancy in the Bench caused by this appointment, is filled by Dr. Fred E. Barker, Q. C., the well known St. John barrister.

GOVERNOR FRASER.

Hon. John J. Fraser, the new Governor, was born at Beaulieu's Island, Miramichi, Northumberland Co., August 1st, 1829. His father, John Fraser, a native of Inverness, Scotland, came out to his relative, the Hon. James Fraser of Halifax, Nova Scotia, remained in Nova Scotia for some years with him, and then entered his establishment in Miramichi, becoming subsequently a partner in the firm. The Hon. James Fraser, although a resident of Halifax, for many years, represented the county of Northumberland in the New Brunswick legislature. Judge Fraser's mother was born in Quebec, her father being Hugh Fraser, a Scotchman, and her mother the daughter of an Irish artillery officer, who served under General Wolfe at the taking of Quebec. Judge Fraser was educated at the New-Castle Grammar school, and in 1845 began the study of law in the office of Messrs. Street & Davison, of Newcastle. He was admitted an attorney in 1850 and called to the bar in 1852. He removed to Fredericton in 1851 when Hon. Mr. Street became attorney general, and remained there until 1854, when he was appointed to practice at the capital. E. B. Winslow was admitted a partner in the professional partnership with Mr. Fraser in 1856, and E. L. Wetmore (now Judge Wetmore) joined the firm of Fraser & Winslow in 1877. Mr. Fraser devoted his attention closely to his profession until 1865, when he entered the political arena and was returned to the provincial parliament as representative for York county in conjunction with John C. Allen, George L. Hatheway and W. H. Needham as champions of the anti-confederation movement, confederation being the then burning question of the day. In the following year, the Smith government having been compelled to resign, a general election ensued, in which Mr. Fraser was defeated on the confederation question. In June, 1871, he was appointed a member of the legislative council and president of the executive but resigned both positions in the following year, and accepted the office of provincial secretary in the King administration, appealing once more to the people of York, who returned him by acclamation. When Hon. Mr. King retired from provincial politics in 1878, Hon. Mr. Fraser became attorney general and premier, holding those offices until May, 1882, when he resigned to become the conservative candidate for the commons against the late John Pickard, but was defeated by a large majority. Mr. Fraser supported the cause of free schools, and was a frequent delegate to Ottawa on various provincial questions. In December, 1882, on the demise of the late Mr. Justice Duff, he was appointed to the supreme court bench. He was made a Q. C. in 1873. Mr. Fraser has been several times president of St. Andrew's society, Fredericton. He has been twice married; first, in September, 1867, to Martha, daughter of the late Alex. Cummings of Fredericton; and second, in May, 1884, to Jane M. P., daughter of the late Charles (Mr. Justice) Fisher, D. C. L. The new governor, as he has for the past 41 years, will reside in Fredericton.

A SUGGESTION.

Referring to the action of the Fredericton lawyers in asking the government to order another resident judge for Fredericton, the St. Stephen Courier, whose editor, Mr. Clark, is a lawyer, says: "The judges should be more widely distributed, and if there is not a sufficient number to go round, the difficulty now experienced and here complained of could be remedied by enlarging the jurisdiction of county court judges, so as to include in the power to hear motions, grant orders and transact other chamber business in supreme court suits."

AROUND THE WORLD.

The News of the World in Brief—The Ocean of Our Exchanges.

Geo. Stohar, one of Chatham's leading business men, has assigned, with liabilities of \$17,000.

Thomas Moore, a native of Blenheim, Northumberland county, died recently at Astoria, Oregon.

The Montreal city council have voted thirty thousand dollars for clearing the city's streets of snow.

The most peculiar case of suicide was in such bad condition when it reached England, that the purchaser refused to take delivery of it.

St. John's Roman Catholic cathedral, at Spruce, N. Y., was robbed Monday night, of altar plate, jewels and furniture, valued at \$1,800.

Mrs. Margaret Kane is under arrest at Boston, for murdering her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Kane, by giving her whiskey containing Paris green.

The new United States cruiser Olympia, is claimed to have maintained on her trial trip, a speed of twenty-two knots, or close to twenty-six miles an hour, for eighty-six miles.

John McNulty, a St. John man, who was under sentence to be hanged in California on the 29th inst., for murder committed during a quarrel six years ago, has been granted a reprieve of one month.

Andrew F. Gault, one of Montreal's most prominent business men, who has been appointed a director of the bank of Montreal, in the place of the late Sir John Abood, is said to be worth four million dollars.

The wholesale dry goods firm of Thibault & Co., well known to Fredericton dry goods men, and the largest best known French-Canadian house in Canada, has compromised with their creditors, at forty cents on the dollar, cash.

While the Princess of Wales is recovering from an attack of influenza, it has left her completely dead. Two leading specialists were at Sandringham last week, but are unable to state positively as yet, whether this affliction will be permanent or not.

Michael Walsh of Sackville, accidentally poisoned himself Wednesday afternoon. He had for some years past, been troubled with a cough, for which he was taking medicine. By mistake, he took a dose of carbolic acid, and in about twenty minutes was a corpse.

Robert Reed, formerly a leading merchant of St. John, but retired for many years, died Monday. He built the mansion on Mount Pleasant, known as Reed's Castle, where the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise were entertained during their stay in St. John.

Administration of the estate of the late T. F. Raymond, of the Royal hotel, St. John, has been granted. The estate will be valued at \$25,000, and the administration provides for the continuance of the hotel business. J. D. Hansen, M. P., Hon. Wm. Pugsley, and J. A. Belyea, are the administrators.

Geo. C. Peters of Moncton, is agent for an interesting little invention, especially adapted to relieve the work of women at the sewing machine. It is a little water motor, and is run simply by being attached to the ordinary kitchen tap and connected by a slight belt with an ordinary sewing machine, providing the power for its operation.

W. H. Roberts, a young married man of Toronto, and a prominent member of the Y. M. C. A., died in jail Wednesday morning. Two weeks ago, he became violently insane from the effects of overwork and religious excitement. He was to have been brought before the county judge for commitment to an asylum, but when the constable arrived to take the man to the court house, he was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, a highly respected couple, living a mile and a half north of their house, Sunday morning, the murder is supposed to have been committed. Friday, by two men, whose names are unknown, and who have disappeared, taking a horse and other goods belonging to Williams.

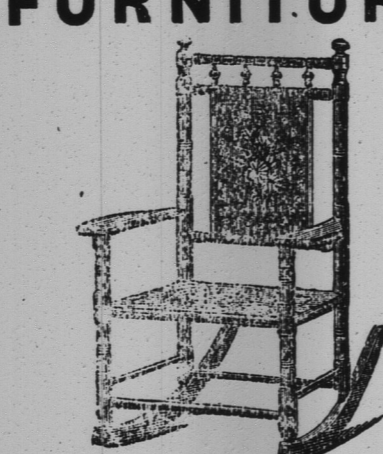
The lumber cut in Queen's county, this year, will be away below the average. It will not amount to more than seven or eight millions. Hugh McLean of Salmon River, and the Messrs. King of Chipman, will get out about three millions each, and R. D. Richardson, will cut about a million. The snow is so deep in the woods, that operations are very much retarded.

A brutal murder was committed at Calgary, N. W. T., on Sunday, by a half breed, who in a drunken crouse, crushed an Indian's head with a tent pole and otherwise bruised his body. A number of Sarcee Indians, are encamped on Elbow river, close to the Catholic mission, and it was there the murder occurred. The mounted police were sent to the scene, and the murderer was arrested and placed in the barracks.

A YARN EXPLODED.

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GOODS FROM JAPAN.

Books! Books! Books! SPECIAL PRICES FOR CASH AT LEMONT'S.

David W. Armstrong, whose matrimonial adventures were mentioned in THE HERALD last week, appears to have corresponded with a number of people in addition to the Albert county lady, whom he jilted. He appears to have been sincere in his expressed desire to secure a wife, however, as he married Miss G. G. G. of Little River, Boston, who has written to her friends at home, that she is well satisfied with her bargain, having found Armstrong all that he represented himself to be, a well-to-do farmer at Meadville, Mass.

A most peculiar case of suicide, is reported from Prince Albert, N. W. T. James Brinkman went down to the middle of the frozen river, and with a perseverance worthy of a better cause, cut a hole twelve inches by twenty-two, through ice a foot thick, and the squeezed himself through it into the icy current of the river. He had his arms and hands jammed at the edge of the hole, and scratched on the snow near by: "This is my last smoke. It is getting cold. Good-bye." No cause is assigned, as Brinkman was in comfortable circumstances and had always on the best of terms with his wife and neighbors.

The Teachers in Session.

The annual meeting of the York county teachers' institute opened in the normal school building at 10 a. m. Thursday morning, the president, Inspector Bridges, in the chair. Nearly every district in the county was represented, and at the first session 83 teachers were enrolled.

Mr. Bridges delivered the opening address in eloquent and pleasing terms. After extending a hearty welcome to the teachers, he referred to the great progress of education in York county during the year, alluded in appropriate terms to the death of Lieut. Governor Boyd, speaking particularly of his deep interest in the cause of education, and commended the appointment of Judge Fraser as a worthy man, who enjoyed the utmost confidence and esteem of the teachers of this province. The president expressed regret at the absence through illness, of Egerton Everest, the last president, and one of the oldest and most influential members of the institute.

Upon the re-assembling of the institute Thursday afternoon, Cecil Jones, of Keswick Ridge, read an interesting and suggestive paper entitled: "A Home-Reading course in connection with our Schools." Principal Mullin, of the Normal school, read a paper on English Literature, which was discussed by Chief Superintendent Inch, and Messrs. Palmer, Foster, Day and Inch, occupying the time of the meeting up to the evening adjournment.

At Friday morning session, Mr. Britain, of the Normal school, read a paper on Physics, which was discussed by Messrs. Mullin, Palmer, Creed, Bridges and McKay, and Miss McLeod, Miss Janie Harvey and Miss Everett.

In the afternoon Chief Superintendent Inch, read an address, after which the election of officers took place with the following result: President, B. C. Foster. Vice-President, Miss Margaret McLeod. Secretary, Miss Ella Thorne.

Additional members of executive: Miss Isabel Everett, Mariah B. McIntosh, Miss McAdam, and J. Everett Porter. Nearly 100 teachers enrolled during the session.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. entertained the members of the institute in their hall Thursday night. Mrs. Richard Phillips, president of the Union, made an address of welcome, and was responded to by Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. Dr. Saunders, and a short musical programme.

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