

AN IMAGINARY GRIEVANCE.
Some of the opposition papers are trying to make a point against Mr. Blair and the government, because Dr. Currie has been relieved of the office of secretary of the provincial board of health, and Dr. Coulthard appointed there. They represent it as an arbitrary dismissal for Dr. Currie, but the public who understand the facts, will not so regard it.
More than a year ago, it was announced that Dr. Currie had sold out his practice in Fredericton, to remove to Boston or its vicinity, and the sale was actually made. Since that time, with the exception of a few weeks periodically, Dr. Currie has been absent from the city, apparently carrying on his profession in his new place of abode. It is true he has returned from time to time, possibly to look after his own personal business, the collection of accounts, etc., but to all intents and purposes, while holding a responsible position under the local government, he has been a resident of another country. We think the government dealt very leniently with Dr. Currie in permitting him to hold the secretaryship of the board of health so long after he had picked up his traps and left the province, permanently, so far as the government knew. If he is inspiring the newspaper attacks on the government, because of his removal from office under circumstances entirely justifiable, as we have stated, then he is certainly laying himself open to a rejoinder as to his repeated absence from the post of duty; for a position, the demands of which, at any time, might assume serious dimensions.
We repeat it, that Dr. Currie has been treated quite magnanimously by the government, in keeping the position open for him, so long, and we would like to believe that he is not responsible for the attacks now made on the administration under the cover of an imaginary grievance.
With regard to the new secretary of the board of health, Dr. Coulthard, we think the government made a wise, and entirely satisfactory choice. He is recognized as one of the leading physicians of the province; he is industrious, painstaking and a gentleman who will fill the office faithfully, to the credit of himself and the department.

BADLY TREATED.
G. G. King would have been representing Queens county in the house of commons to day and ever since 1887, but for the infamous seal of the seal by the returning officer of that year, in the interest of George F. Baird. Mr. King had a majority of some sixty votes, but because of an alleged irregularity in making his deposit, which Mr. King denies, Dunn handed the seat over to Baird, the inferior candidate. It was from the preparation of this seal that Mr. Ellis' imprisonment arose, and it was this that has made the name of Dunn and his conspirators a by word and a reproach throughout Canada. Is it any wonder that Mr. King, burning under the sense of wrong committed against him and the liberal party, spoke warm, yet perfectly true words at the St. John meeting Monday evening? Every conservative in the land knows G. G. King represents the honest political sentiment of Queens county, and it is certainly too bad that the free voice of the electors of the intelligent county of Queens should have been stifled by a political plot that is without parallel in the annals of any country enjoying the boon of responsible government. Mr. King has been very badly treated, his county is misrepresented and the liberal party have suffered with them by the results of the "steal." But a day of reckoning is at hand. We do not know what Mr. King's political intentions may be; whether he intends again offering himself for parliament. His experience has certainly not been of a very agreeable nature, but whether or not he seeks again to enter public life, one thing is certain, the county of Queens will not be represented in the next parliament by a conservative. It is stated that Mr. Baird, conscious of the strong feeling against him in the county, will not offer again, and no other candidate of his party can hope for success under fair and honest conditions. The constituency has been added to Sunbury by the redistribution of seats, and the united counties will hasten to swell the grand liberal triumph, whenever the government may call on the election.

REVISING THE TARIFF.
The attention of the people of the United States, and indeed of Canada also, is now concentrated on the ways and means committee of congress in session at Washington, to consider what changes and revision of the tariff are to be made under democratic rule. It is, given out that a revenue of \$50,000,000 is expected by the democrats of the committee from the moderate income tax which they propose to incorporate in the new revenue bill. The rate of the tax will be two per cent, probably.
The question of duty on sugar is still an open one, but it is not unlikely that a duty will be imposed of about one cent per pound on both raw and refined sugar. It is desired to strike a blow at the sugar trust by making the duty on refined sugar substantially the same as on raw sugar. The reciprocity section, which deals with sugar, hides, tea and coffee, will probably be stricken from the law. The articles named will remain free of duty from all countries unless a small tax is imposed on sugar. The treatment of bituminous coal is another open question with the democrats of the committee. Coal was on the free list in the original draft of the tariff bill, in accordance with the pledge of the democratic national platform, to modify the McKinley law in the direction of free raw materials. The protest from the coal districts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Alabama has been so strong, however, that some of the members of the committee are weakening, and may vote to retain a small duty.

FINDING THE TRUTH.
Evidently finance minister Foster, who has just returned to Ottawa from the Northwest, found there an active agitation for reduction of the tariff. In an interview the minister said:
"Naturally every person wishes to pay as light a burden of taxation as possible, and I found the people of the Northwest no exception to this rule. Most are of the opinion that from their peculiar position they get fewer benefits from the general development of manufactures, than do other provinces, and whilst perfectly willing to pay their fair share of the country's burdens, they are desirous of having easements in certain directions."
Mr. Foster will find there is a general demand all over Canada, for "easements" in many directions, and he will be given a practical illustration when the elections are called on. He need not flatter himself that the proposed "reforms" will meet the case. The people are demanding a pretty clean sweep of the ruinous taxes now levied upon them, principally for the benefit of monopolists and combinationists.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.
It is stated that both the Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island legislatures will be dissolved and general elections held before the close of the present year, and lively contests are promised, with the certainty of liberal triumph in both provinces. The opponents of premier Fielding in Nova Scotia, have no hope of ousting him, but are hoping that he may himself retire from the local arena and run for Ottawa. He has two-thirds of the present assembly at his back, and is popular alike with liberals and conservatives. The best evidence of Mr. Fielding's popularity is, that while Nova Scotia sends to Ottawa sixteen conservatives and five liberals, in the local house the liberal representation is double that of the conservatives.
In Prince Edward Island, parties are more evenly balanced, but premier Peters has made a good record since coming into power three years ago, and the prospect is that he will be given a new lease of power.
The Ontario local elections will soon be due, and with three provinces excited by local contests, and a general dominion election looming up, the prospects for a large degree of political excitement in Canada in the next few months, are decidedly promising.
At home in New Brunswick, premier Blair has the assembly well in hand for the next three years, and will probably give some attention to the threatened dominion contest. There is without doubt, a strong call from the liberal party for him to enter the larger arena, but whether he will consent to leave the local house and stand for Ottawa, is a matter for the future to reveal.

AROUND THE WORLD.
The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of Our Exchanges.
Quebec is to have a winter carnival. Potatoes \$1.25 to \$1.30 per barrel today at Presque Isle.
The Ottawa Anglican rural deanery has decided against prohibition.
The cheese factory of James A. Barter, Avondale, was destroyed by fire Saturday night.
Leonard P. D. Tilly, son of ex-governor Tilly, has opened a law office in St. John.
At Walsford, Queens county, John Armstrong was fatally injured by a buzz saw, yesterday.
A Charlottetown despatch says that a general local election will be held in P. E. Island Dec. 14th.
A monarchy has been proclaimed in Peru with a grandson of the exiled Don Pedro, as emperor.
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DR. CURRIE'S REMOVAL.
From the Office of Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health—What Mr. Blair Says About It.
Yesterday a Telegraph reporter called upon me in regard to the removal of Dr. Currie from the office of secretary to the provincial board of health, a position to which there is a salary of about five hundred dollars attached.
"I believe Mr. Blair," said the reporter, "that a Fredericton paper had made an attack upon yourself and the government in connection with the removal of Dr. Currie. Have you any objection to state the reasons for the change?"
"I have no objections to stating the reasons which influenced the government in retiring Dr. Currie. These were, in the opinion of the government, justifiable, in the platform, to modify the McKinley law in the direction of free raw materials. The protest from the coal districts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Alabama has been so strong, however, that some of the members of the committee are weakening, and may vote to retain a small duty."
"At the last session of the provincial board the question came up, we were made aware that Dr. Currie finally took away his family, that if he should return to Fredericton it would be for a long period, as his business and property had been disposed of a short time ago, and we found that when he had arrived when we could not longer trifle with this matter, hence the appointment of Dr. Coulthard."

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