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Weekly Herald.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 13.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Freeman yesterday published poetry. The world moves.

The salary of the Dominion Auditor will be \$3,200.

It is now said that Charles Burpee, M. P., Sunbury Co., will be the next Governor of New Brunswick.

The citizens of St. John paid Mayor Earle a graceful and well-merited compliment by electing him by acclamation for a second term.

It is rumored that a new paper, to be published monthly at the start, is to be published in the Town of Portland. We wish the new enterprise every success.

Members of the Prince Edward Island Assembly have been engaged in administering the Church of England as by law established in that island.

Peter Mitchell, M. P., Northumberland, N. B., was the recipient of a handsome testimonial in the form of candy bearing a figure of a bull. Mr. Mitchell is the friend of dumb animals and the poor.

It is said that very damaging revelations have been made before the Chairman Railway Committee. Mr. Burns having shown fully the contradictory nature of Supervisor Meahan's statements in every particular. Meahan was obliged to admit that what he stated was incorrect.

It is pleasant to note that the Attorney General was obliged to accept all the amendments offered by his Worship Mayor Earle before the act to incorporate the St. John Relief and A. Society could become law. We hope the new blood infused into the society, will be the means of making it in every way more worthy of the respect for which it was established. The Mayor and members of the Common Council, who are now members of the society, should look after its workings carefully as they will be held to a strict account.

We much pleased to welcome our esteemed contemporary the Charlottetown Herald. Under Mr. Caven's excellent management the Herald has been one of our favorite exchanges. We regard the accomplished editor of the Herald as the most polished and scholarly writer on the Canadian press. The Herald will, we hope, be even more successful in the future than in the past.

The Canadian Spectator. Rev. Mr. Bray's paper, published at Montreal comes to us this week filled with interesting and instructive matter. Rev. Mr. Bray wishes to make the Canadian Spectator an exact copy of his own English namesake. We are glad to note that it treats questions on their merits alone.

We note with regret that Henry Maher, Esq., Town Councilor of Portland, is no longer a member of the Municipal Council. The majority of the Town Council, Wilson for that of Coun. Maher. While we regret the change for many reasons, we hope that Coun. Wilson will fill the position with the same ability that marked Coun. Maher's occupancy of the position.

R. F. Quigley, Esq., LL. D., B. C. L., Barrister-at-Law, of this city, will, we are informed, deliver his lecture on "The IX. a Representative man," in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the St. Aloisius Association. Mr. Quigley's lecture was warmly received by his many friends when delivered in St. Malachi's Hall, this city. Doubtless, a crowded house will listen to the same, highly original and interesting lecture in St. Peter's Hall tomorrow. Admission, 10 cents. Reserved seats 20 cents.

Members and members of the House of Commons, under the leadership of Hon. Mr. Langvin, are preparing an address commencing the new Year Law. XIII, on the subject of the Portland Trust. It is interesting to know that Canadian of the Pope's Catholic faith are not far behind in their appreciation of the great fulfillment of the joy that is felt throughout the world in the fact that a successor to the Holy See has been elected.

The police bill introduced by Mr. Robert Macdonald, M. P., is a measure of great importance. It is a measure which will, we hope, be of great benefit to the people of this city.

Another Hon. Edward Willis, M. P., P. M., W. G. M., is annually having the organization of the Province laid over to him for a "third term" to the effect of Grand Master. We suppose Mr. Willis would feel quite lonely and considerable smaller were he deprived of all those letters after his rather small

of a Salvage Corps within the City of St. John was a subject of consideration for many years. The first department of the City Council always held that they were unable and unwilling to ask the rate-payers to pay any portion of the first cost of equipment, but if all the fire insurance companies doing business in St. John would join and pay the first cost of equipment, the city would then organize the said Salvage Corps, under the immediate control of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and keep the same in good and efficient working condition. The Bill simply authorizes the city to raise three thousand dollars by debentures, and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the whole of the said debentures at maturity. This is specially advantageous to citizens, as in the first place the assured reap the greater benefit. For example if a building on fire contain within it six thousand dollars worth of furniture with four thousand insurance thereon, turning to the value of two thousand dollars must be saved before Fire Insurance Companies will begin to be a benefit. The same remarks apply to merchandise. In the large cities of the United States these Salvage Corps have proved of great advantage; the Fire Insurance Companies, while always ready to contribute, did not, as a rule, deem it expedient to pay directly the cash to purchase equipment, as it would lead to establish a precedent. Marshall's Bill, however, meets the difficulty, and it now remains for the Chief Engineer, A. Chipman Smith, Esq., and the Common Council to organize and set the corps in motion with the least possible delay.

SPARE ME FROM MY FRIENDS. In our opinion, Mr. Gillmer, the member for Charlotte cannot have his political strength increased to any great extent by the course lately adopted by a few of those who deem themselves his most influential supporters, certainly they have not a very fine figure, nor do they occupy an enviable position as regards the stand they have taken on what the St. John Courier designates as "Refined Literature." Mr. Gillmer, as a public man, possesses qualifications equal to say the least, of those of Mr. McAdam, and many of those present in St. George who signed the pro-nominations, appear to us like a class of people we occasionally meet, who are filled with bravado and clarity, only "from the teeth outward," they appear like a crew running to the rescue, brave because there is no danger, chattering in their denunciations of paper and ink, while in whom they wish to fawn on, want only their silence, then again the inconsistency of many of those who profess a strong allegiance to the Hon. Mr. Gillmer is remarkable, notably some who occupy offices which, if not in the gift of the government, he has so earnestly supported. As regards Mr. Gillmer's standing as a member of Parliament, it compares favorably with the majority of N. B. members, he commands a good hearing, and is deemed an influential member with the Government.

THE PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL.

The new rulers in the Town of Portland have not fairly settled down to work. It is gratifying to know that the Town will be governed by the Council itself and not by the arbitrary casting vote of the Chairman. We think all well-wishers of the Town will not regret the change, which makes the administration of Town affairs, if not more consistent, at least more equitable. Now that the different questions affecting public interests in the Town of Portland have been brought out manfully and independently at the polls, we hope that a new era opens in the history of the body corporate. The time is now past, under any circumstances, could hope to obtain any lasting advantage. The impartiality and well-known fairness of the new chairman should inspire the "Opposition" and "Government" party alike with the fullest confidence. Even the selection of the majority in the naming of the different committees, should be a sort of guarantee of their good intentions towards the whole population of the town for, although they hold the power to name, if they so wished, only members of their own side in those committees, they were magnanimous enough to place magistrates of the minority in positions of trust and prominence. We hope this conduct of the Ruling Party at the Council Board will go a long way to soothe the feelings of those who formerly governed the Town, but who now find themselves in a less prominent, but hardly less important and responsible position. While we would all ways like to see a healthy opposition in all our representative bodies, we would gladly witness a change in the attitude of the opposing parties in the Town Council. Factional opposition, consisting as it does in voting always may, because another vote you can not be set against to the interests of the public. The opposition should endeavour to learn and by means of wisdom to take it. One of the first of these we take it, would be that such a council should not, in the nature of things, be always wrong. They must occasionally conceive and endeavour to put in operation measures beneficial to the public. It is not necessary to regard the opposition as a mere party. Now when such measures are proposed, regard may be had with the opposition, and the opposition may be of great service. It is not necessary to regard the opposition as a mere party. Now when such measures are proposed, regard may be had with the opposition, and the opposition may be of great service.

THE QUEBEC CASE.

The great Quebec case of the people against the arbitrary act of a Lieutenant Governor, who lies under the grave suspicion of having sullied his high position by making it the instrument of inflicting a deadly blow at the rights and liberties of the people of the province of Quebec, has been brought to the attention of the Dominion North American Gazette. On Thursday, when the motion to go into, Supply came up, Sir John A. Macdonald moved in amendment "that the recent dismissal by the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, of his Ministry, was, under the circumstances, unwise and oppressive of the position extended to the advisors of responsible government of the principle of the British Constitution." In his speech, in support of his amendment, Sir John went very fully into the whole constitutional question involved, and answered the sophistries of the Reformers, who appear to be fully bent on giving all aid and comfort to their quarrel and colleague. Bad precedents—said Sir John A. Macdonald—were being set by the Government, which would be rounded by amending acts. Canada gained responsible government at the point of the bayonet, and yet this question arises. The Lieutenant Governor stands towards the Governor General exactly as the latter stands towards the Queen. Those aggrieved in Quebec have the right to appeal to the Governor General in those cases where a Dominion grievance would have to appeal to the Queen. So long as Ministers have the confidence of Parliament they have a right to the confidence of the sovereign. That is the great principle that has grown up in modern times, which is fixed in England, and which he hoped, this House would fix in Canada. If the Crown had good cause to believe the confidence of the people, it should insist on dissolution for the purpose of consulting the people. Sir John glanced at the state of affairs in Quebec, gave an account of the action of the Lieutenant and Governor, the cause supposed to have led to that action. He again insisted on the strange phenomena of a Governor dismissing a Ministry possessing the confidence of the country. No Ministry, with a majority in Parliament, had been dismissed by the Queen. He quoted Lord Dufferin to show that the dismissal of a Ministry supported by Parliament was in violation of the Constitution as now interpreted. Sir John challenged the Government of the Dominion to say that one of the Bills, which had been introduced, had been sent to Rideau Hall before introduction, and yet Governor Letellier must claim to dictate to the Legislature what Bills it shall consider. One of the Bills, which Letellier claimed, had been assented to by him on advice of his present Ministers. The Crown's veto power on legislation was dead, said Sir John, and Letellier's act was unconstitutional and unwarranted, because of the suspicion of partisan motives, which the circumstances suggested. Suppose Lord Dufferin should dismiss his Ministers on the same pretext. He could not suppose such a thing. No English statesman, no English gentleman, would thus violate the Constitution. Suppose Governor Archibald, a Conservative, had dismissed his Liberal advisers, how all the Liberal members of the House of Commons would have denounced him as a traitor to his duty. Sir John concluded his admirable presentation of the aggrieved people of Quebec by the House so thoroughly, moderately, and in such a scholarly and brilliant way, that even the Premier on rising, which he did immediately Sir John ended, was forced to admit that Sir John's constitutional position is quite tenable, that, in fact, he had good cause to believe in the lecture on Constitutional Government. Mr. McKenna admitted the statement with regard to the position held by the Lieutenant Governor, with relation to the Governor General. The Premier then went on to consider the danger arising out of any interference on the part of the Dominion at the present time in the Quebec matter. Such interference, he claimed, would be a purely provincial matter. The House could not censure Letellier without also censuring his present advisers. It would be an outrage to express an opinion whether it was right or wrong. The people were working out the question in a constitutional way. He had not interfered or would not interfere in a contest affecting Quebec only. The speech of the Premier was well worthy of the occasion, but when he descended to a purely personal phase of the question, he did not show to such advantage as in the splendid piece of special pleading reported by the press. The Premier could charge Sir John A. Macdonald with abetting Sir Edmund Head in alleged violation of the Constitution, which statement Sir John declared, he had declared before, to be as false as hell.

The people of Quebec can not be surprised at the position taken by the Reformer on their great constitutional question. They will remember that when the New Brunswick school question, a constitutional question, was before the House of Commons the question of Provincial autonomy was then raised with a vengeance. It is, perhaps, to be desired that all questions that can be worked out by constitutional methods within a province should be solved in that way, and recourse should only be had to Ottawa when the other fails. Mr. McKenna's position in this question is the true one, however distasteful it may prove to some, for it is only another application of the principle that ruled the House of Commons on the South-England question of the day. What strange changes a few years bring about! Journals and gentlemen who were loud in their denunciations of the Government of the day, are quite mild over the arbitrary act of Lieutenant Governor Letellier. Can the members of the party of the day, the members of the party of the day, who are eternally ringing the changes on liberty of thought and action?

THE COMMITTEES.

It is probable that the House of Assembly will be prorogued on Monday or Tuesday at the furthest. Considerable anxiety has been manifested by the Government to get business through as speedily as possible. For this purpose the House sat one evening this week without the usual recess for tea. We can hardly understand, except on one supposition, the unseemly haste of the Government and their followers to bring the present session to a close. True, honorable members are more or less anxious to return to their homes and look after their private interests, but we believe there is not one of them who would not be willing to sacrifice another week in Frederick in the interests of the public. While so much haste is manifested in the regular work of the Assembly, it is somewhat alarming to read of the petty tricks which the party in power have had recourse to, in order to check, as far as possible, a thorough and impartial enquiry into certain corrupt transactions charged against the Hon. President of the Council and the Hon. Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Kelly. The Government and their ardent sympathizers, Messrs. Marshall, Elder and Ryan, of Albert Co., have made use of every technical and other futile objection, in order to lengthen the sessions of the different Committees on which they are evidently working in the interests of complete and unsatisfactory enquiries. It is, indeed, painful to observe the low and degrading length to which gentlemen otherwise honest and honorable in all their dealings, descend when party is at stake. Public morality, public decency, the bad effect of corruption in high places allowed to go unwhipped of justice on the raising generation of this province are all forgotten, or appear as though forgotten. Where shall we look for common honesty and manly action if not in the people at the head of the affairs of the country? Has the action of the Attorney General and every follower of his been the straightforward, manly, independent course that the people of this province have a right to look for in their representatives? In the matter of the different committees of the Assembly now enquiring into charges against members of the Government and one member of the Opposition, have all proper means of arriving at a fair and impartial result been fully granted the public? Most assuredly not. What difference would it make to men conscious of innocence of the charges brought up against them whether these charges were inquired into by a committee sitting with closed doors or in the presence of the general public? And still we find that the very men who should be only too happy to have the innocuous made public at the earliest possible moment, ask for no such favor, and are, as far as can be ascertained, really angry if any portions of the evidence taken before the committees is given to the public. This fact does not bear on its face the stamp of innocence. In as far as Mr. Burns is concerned, he cannot be blamed for any delay that has arisen in his case to bring all the facts before the public. All we must see that it would be to his advantage to have the work of the committee now sitting to enquire into the childish charge against him brought to a close as speedily as possible, and also to have the evidence made public as quickly as is taken down; but the Government who trumped up the idiotic case against the hon. member for Gloucester seem determined that he shall not go to the country free from all suspicion if they can help it. We ask an impartial public to consider well the different attitudes assumed by the King Government and the Opposition. We ask them to consider well the evident intention there has been manifested by the former to take away public attention from the serious nature of the charges against Messrs. Young and Kelly, to remark with what shameful haste and want of decency they hunted up the weak charge made against Mr. Burns, when at the same time there were many members of the House whose contracts and business relations with the Government would have formed a far better opportunity for "noising around" on the part of the immaculate King-Kelly-Young political combination.

GENERAL NEWS.

A painting by Gabriel Max, now on exhibition at the Austrian Art Union, is exciting attention in Germany. It is called "The Child Murderers," and represents a mother with the little baby, whom she had loved and killed, in her arms crouching in the desolate place by the side of the stream, and giving the little bleeding head one passionate kiss before throwing it into the water. In point of color and execution it equals if it does not excel Max's most famous work.

An almost incredible story, says the Baltimore Sun, is related by Marshall Carobert, who was sent to Rome to represent France at the funeral of Victor Emmanuel, and the accession to the throne of Humbert. For the expenses of himself and suite he was given 30,000 francs, of which he spent only 13,000. On his return home he went to the Foreign Office and handed to the Minister of that department the balance, amounting to 17,000 francs. The Minister refused to take the money, saying that there was no precedent for such a thing; that the outlay was made and accounted for, and that there was an end of it. The Marshal answered that if it was absolutely necessary that somebody should spend this money he would rather see one else would do it, and asked for a receipt.

To make a home-made telephone take a wooden tooth-powder box and make a hole about the size of a half-crown in the lid and the bottom. Take a disk of tinned iron, such as can be had from a preserved meat tin, and place it on the outside of the bottom of the box, and fit the cover on the other side of it. Then take a small cotton or silk reel, and round the reel round some iron wire, leaving the ends loose. Fix one end of the magnet near, as near as possible without touching to the disk, and then one part of the telephone is complete. A similar arrangement is needed for the other end. The two are connected by a wire. Prof. Barrett says that with this he has been able to converse at a distance of about 100 yards.

On Sunday night, as a man named Cady, was passing through the hallway of a house, Roosevelt street, New York, on his way to the street, he was attacked by five young men, who surrounded him and threw him on the floor. Cady, with great presence of mind, took his money out of his pocket and held it in his hand. One of the ruffians held his hand over Cady's mouth so that he could not cry for help, and the others searched his pockets and became very indignant when they found nothing worth taking. Some one suggested that perhaps Cady had some rings on his fingers, and then it was discovered that he carried Cady's hand in turns until he was conquered by pain and he got half through the crisis of "Stupor," he then took the greater him. He then handed over a number of farces which he could produce at a moment's notice, but they were all cried down, to the intense amusement of the audience. The last all was an author's rose in the pit and offered to read a play of his own composing. 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