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AN UNMANLY ATTACK

Some New Brunswick papers have been publishing paragraphs drawing attention to the alleged facts that W. R. Travers, of Farmers Bank notoriety, was one of the contributors to the testimonial given Hon. Mr. Fielding a few months ago. What the precise implication of these paragraphs is intended to be is not clear; it is evident however, that they are printed in the endeavor to prejudice public opinion against Mr. Fielding in his capacity as a Liberal minister. Even if Travers did contribute to the Fielding fund what then? Was Mr. Fielding at fault? It is evident at a glance into what absurdity such as these papers have made at once leads.

It is unfortunate that New Brunswick has reached the point of descent at which political warfare of this kind is tolerated. Mr. Fielding is to be judged on his own record not on the record of another man who happens to have fallen. It would be an easy matter for the Mail to refer to the political record of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who was associated with the Farmers' Bank and is now thought to be in Mexico a fugitive from Canadian law. It would be easy to bring matters even nearer home, say to Albert county. But the black-guard type of political warfare is not the type of which this paper approves.

In an editorial note commenting on a recent speech of Mr. William Whyte of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a New Brunswick Conservative paper speaks with approval of his suggestion as to how people may be induced to stay in the rural districts. The paper says:—"Good roads, he (Mr. Whyte) urges, would assist very materially in this direction, as it would facilitate communication between friends and neighbors in the rural parts, besides adding values to the farms."

The Mail agrees with Mr. Whyte and with the exchange. Now if either the railroad man or the Hazen paper will tell the people how New Brunswick may obtain decent highways, instead of the present apologies for roads, they will be doing the province a real service.

Our Canadian delegate to South Africa must have indeed done well to receive such praise as such a bitter anti-Government journal as the "Toronto News" ungrudgingly gives him. These are the words of the News:

According to a press despatch, Mr. Lemieux, Postmaster General, is greatly pleased with his visit to South Africa. There is equal reason for satisfaction in Canada over Mr. Lemieux's proceedings in the New British commonwealth. He spoke always with taste and dignity, often with eloquence, and as a French-Canadian speaking often to a Dutch population, his utterances must have contributed materially to a good understanding between the two races in South Africa and to the unity and security of the Empire. ...

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"It is a wonderful agreement that Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson have pulled out of the Washington tariff pot. It reflects the greatest credit upon them. Granted the acceptance of the principle of reciprocity with the United States, the pact made by our ministers is an astonishingly favorable one. It is so favorable and so far-reaching as to leave room for doubt that it will pass the United States Congress in the limited time left for its disposal. Only the determination of the executive, and the demands of the people that something be done to reduce the cost of living, offer any hope of the United

States modifying its tariff as arranged."

Peterboro Examiner:—"The question is often asked:—Why do amputees live longer, on the average, than other people?" The great factor in the question, of course, is that those people live the longest who have the least worries. It is a truism that worry kills more people than work does. Take from a man the primal worry of existence, the worry about his bread and butter, and you leave his mind free for higher and more healthful activities.

The programme for the new British Parliament has been set forth succinctly by Winston Churchill in these words: "The Unionist party have got to make up their minds to the Liberal solution of the great problems of the day. 'Abolition of the Veto of the House of Lords,' 'Disestablishment of the Welsh Church,' 'Maintenance of self-government for Ireland,' and 'Abolition of plural voting.'"

There are more people than Sir Wilfrid Laurier who believe that winter is Canada's best asset. The Calgary Albertan is one of them, as witness:—"This winter weather is about the very best that any country could have. This is the kind of weather that makes this western country the home of the sturdy and vigorous."

It would be interesting to know the present status of our old friend Mr. Pinder in connection with the proposed Southampton railway. There is a report in circulation that the Solicitor General in the interests of "harmony" has had the old gentleman ousted from the board of directors.

DATE OF U. N. B. "CON" WILL NOT BE CHANGED

At a general meeting of the students of the U.N.B. this morning, the matter of re-considering the date of the "Con" was discussed. The date which was decided upon some time ago is Feb. 24th.

Through Premier Hazen, it has been arranged that Dr. Tryon, the secretary of the American Peace Society, will address the students and the general public on that date. It was decided this morning however, that it would not be possible to change the date of the "Con," as the preceding nights are taken up by the College play and the Mt. Allison—U.N.B. hockey game.

The lecture may possibly take place in the afternoon, but if not probably half the students will be able to attend in the evening.

Definite arrangements, other than the time of the lecture, have not yet been made, but it is probable that it will be held in the Legislative Chamber.

LEAVE DOR CHATHAM

The Fredericton hockey team will leave for Chatham this evening and will play the Chatham team on its own ice tomorrow night. The game will be the last foreign game for Fredericton. Chatham was beaten here 2 to 0 by Fredericton, but will be strong at home. The Fredericton team will be Titus, goal; Sterling, left wing; Rowan, right wing; Gallo-way, centre; Walker, rover; Olynick, point; Babbitt, cover point; Duncan, There will also be several rosters.

C. W. Clark will accompany the team substitute. Trainer James Jones and

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH

(Continued from page one)
The Provincial Government, would be held in St. John on Tuesday morning, February 14th. The Provincial Board will meet on the date of the conference.

A report from the Gloucester county Board of Health on the condition of the lobster factories in that county was received.

A report from the then standing committees also received.

The Board decided on the amendment of the rules and regulations as far as they affect medical inspection in schools, and the appointment of a public analyst to devote particular attention to water, foods and drinks.

A recommendation was also made for the amendment of the Public Health Act itself.

It was decided to obtain information from Ontario and elsewhere concerning the inspection of slaughter-houses with particular reference to the inspection of dressed beef and pork.

A committee was appointed to fix a schedule for fees for guards, nurses, etc., employed on small-pox cases.

Mr. Harvey Mitchell of Sussex, is a guest at the Queen.

If you possess a sharp tongue keep it between your teeth.

HON. MR. FIELDING
REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—An attempt was made today by the opposition to sully the good name of the minister of finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, moved a resolution declaring that ministers of the crown should not be the recipients of gifts from any source. He demanded the names of those who had subscribed to the \$100,000 testimonial given to Hon. Mr. Fielding by his friends and admirers last year and intimated that W. R. Travers, manager of the defunct Farmers' Bank had been one of the contributors and that the press had credited the minister of finance with being the recipient of stolen money.

Hon. Mr. Fielding was laboring under considerable emotion, and at times his voice broke while he was making reply to the effort to deprive him of the glory for his recent splendid achievement at Washington. He said that it had not been his intention to say anything on a matter which was so largely personal to himself, but he feared that his silence might be misunderstood. He stated that some years ago he had been approached by some friends who desired to press a testimonial upon him. He told them he saw good reasons why this should not be done, though he appreciated their kindness. He had given a similar answer a second time. Some years afterwards he had received a similar proposal from a man of the highest character whose motives were above suspicion and had still declined, on the ground that men seeking favors from the government might be accused of contributing. Years passed and he was approached again and it was pointed out to him that while his refusal might be justified in earlier years, at this stage of his life the offer might be fairly considered.

MR. FIELDING'S CONDITIONS

"The friend who approached me guaranteed that not a penny would be contributed by government contractors or anyone seeking office or looking for favor or patronage from the government. In order that I should not feel under obligation to the donors I should never know who they were. On these conditions and with the concurrence of my friend, the prime minister, I agreed to accept." He said as much as the testimonial

he had valued the expressions of good will with which he had been favored by Conservatives as well as Liberals in the house.

"I leave to my fellow members of the house to determine whether there is anything in this which reflects upon my honor or independence as a member of this legislature.

And saying this Mr. Fielding left the chamber amid the cheers of the house from the Liberal side.

H. H. Miller, Liberal, declared that Mr. Fielding's character and reputation were too high for any man that the opposition might throw to stick to him.

Mr. Sinclair, of Guysboro, Liberal, declared that Travers had not contributed to the testimonial and that every dollar was clean money. Mr. Fielding declared was one of the most precious possessions of Canada.

Houghton Lennox, Conservative, challenged the government to produce the list of contributors. He declared that Senator Jaffray, of the Toronto Globe, was one of the contributors, and that the Globe got \$80,000 a year from the government.

LAURIER INSTANCES MACDONALD FUND

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said a parallel case was that of Sir John A. Macdonald. The Conservative cheftains had a family dependent upon him as had Mr. Fielding. No one had raised a complaint because Sir John A. Macdonald had under the circumstances, accepted a testimonial from his friends.

Mr. Fielding had been approached a year ago, when he was a poor man and in a condition similar to that of Sir John A. Macdonald. The finance minister had consented to accept the testimonial only on the condition that the rule laid down by parliament twenty years ago should be rigidly observed, namely that no one should be allowed to contribute who was a contractor, a public official or had pecuniary relation with the government. Any one who knew that his conscience would not permit him to do anything contrary to his high and delicate sense of honor. On a party division the motion was defeated by a majority of 55, several members of the opposition staying away.

RISE IN NORTHERN PACIFIC
FEATURE OF STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 1.—Northern Pacific Railway was the market leader today, the stock advancing three points on heavy trading. Other railway issues also showed strength.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

	Open	Noon
Amalgamated,	64½	64½
Atchison,	107½	106½
Smelters,	67½	80
Brooklyn,	77½	78½
Canadian Pacific,	209½	209½
Great Northern, pfd.,	129½	131½
Northern Pacific, pfd.,	124½	127½
Pennsylvania,	128½	128½
Reading,	158	159½
Southern Pacific,	120½	120½
Union Pacific,	178½	178½
U. S. Steel, com.,	80	80½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Dominion Iron, Com.—150 @ 57½; 25 @ 57½.	
Detroit—125 @ 72½; 20 @ 72½; 25 @ 73½.	
C. P. R.—100 @ 109½.	
Cement, Pfd.—10 @ 86½.	
Cement, Com.—25 @ 86½; 120 @ 21½; 65 @ 21½.	
Toronto Ry.—75 @ 125½; 25 @ 125.	
Quebec Bank—62 @ 140.	
Iron, Pfd.—25 @ 104½; 75 @ 104½.	
Montreal Telegraph—4 @ 145.	
Montreal Street—25 @ 221; 20 @ 220½.	
Textile, Pfd.—3 @ 98; 3 @ 98½; 3 @ 98½.	
Montreal Power—125 @ 148½; 10 @ 148½; 50 @ 148½; 121 @ 148.	
Shawinigan—25 @ 112½; 23 @ 113; 610 @ 109.	

BASKETBALL TOMORROW

The Chatham Y. M. C. A. basketball team will play the U. N. B. team at the College Gym at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The U. N. B. team will be McKnight and McGibbon, forwards; Kinghorn, centre; Rigby and Dolan, defence.

LIQUOR SEIZURE

Constables Albion R. Foster and Joseph Pearson, of the N. T. C. Railway Police, seized a barrel of liquor at Labelle's, McGivney's Junction, yesterday. They arrived in the city today. Commissioner Farris, who is also in the city, said that he had not decided just when the case would be heard.

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Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Representatives of the Dominion Steel Company who are in the city, are urging the renewal of the steel bounties which will expire in June. One argument is that it would offset, or tend to, the effect of the proposed reciprocity agreement upon this industry.

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