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#### MR. DIBBLEE'S LETTER.

Rev. Mr. Dibblee, who is in California recruiting his health, seems to have grown very hot under the collar at a paragraph which recently appeared in The Herald respecting the sewerage question, and he addresses a rather torrid letter to this journal, space for which is found in another column.

In the same issue of The Herald in which Mr. Dibblee found what was to him an objectionable statement, the rev. gentleman discovered the vote of the legislature on the sewerage question, adverse to the views which he holds, and it is just possible that the record of that division added to his indignation and prompted him to make use of strong language.

However, Mr. Dibblee fails to refute the paragraph to which he takes such strong objection. The Herald repeats that when Mr. Glasier declared in the legislature that hundreds of people in Sunbury had no other source of water supply but the St. John River, he was making a palpable misrepresentation, and Mr. Dibblee must know it.

No such claim was made before the provincial board of health or the government, and we are, therefore, justified in declaring that Sunbury's case has been bolstered up by such misrepresentation.

The Sunbury people, including Mr. Dibblee appear to think that Fredericton has no rights in the sewerage matter, that they should sacrifice many thousands of dollars to meet a largely imaginary grievance of the people living down river, that a mere handful of people must be protected at the expense of a city of 8,000 people, who are but carrying out the desire of the legislature in seeking at great expense to improve Fredericton's sanitary condition.

St. John River water has been declared by sanitary experts to be unfit for drinking purposes, in its present condition without filtration, yet some people in Sunbury claim that it is their only source of domestic supply, and it is presumed they will continue using it if additional sewage is not emptied into it. Their position is illogical and unreasonable.

Why should Fredericton, of all the towns on the St. John River, emptying sewage into the river, be selected as a special case and prohibited from using the great natural drain for its sewerage purposes?

Mr. Dibblee, who, we believe, is a native of Woodstock, has no condemnation for that town emptying its crude sewage into the river, can a thing be right for Woodstock and the same thing wrong for Fredericton?

The Herald repeats even at the risk of Mr. Dibblee's denunciation, that the extent to which the St. John River is used for domestic purposes by the residents of Sunbury has been overdrawn and misrepresented, and one glaring instance of it is the declaration of Mr. Glasier in the legislature, to which the Herald took strong objection and which has called down on its head the maledictions of the Rev. Mr. Dibblee.

The legislature, exercising a wise discretion and a spirit of fair play has already voted that Fredericton has all rights in the sewerage question, and it is hoped that when the matter comes before that body this week for final decision, this city will receive the square deal to which it is entitled.

#### IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in parliament the other day in discussing matters likely to come before the approaching Colonial conference at London, reiterated his views on Imperial defence and they are such as will find a hearty echo throughout Canada.

He said: "My hon. friend (Borden) has desired my view upon the question of Imperial defence. This is a delicate subject. I have nothing more to say, as I am about to sail for England to attend the conference of 1907, than what I said on a similar occasion five years ago upon the floor of parliament, that upon this delicate question for my part, I do not know or believe that the relations which exist at the present time can be improved, and so far

as I have anything to do with the politics of this country and in so far as I am to represent the views of this country, I must adhere to the view I expressed five years ago, that for no consideration whatever would Canada be induced to be drawn into the vortex of European militarism. (Applause).

The conditions which prevail today in Europe are deplorable to a degree. The condition is one of an armed peace, almost as intolerable as war itself. This cannot last forever. It seems to me the date is not far distant when these nations, the wisest, the most advanced, the most civilized in the world, will recognize the folly that has been carried on for centuries and will come back to a more humane system such as we have on this continent. Therefore upon this point our attitude is exactly the same as that which we took in 1902."

#### CURRENT COMMENT.

Well, we didn't need this snow-storm, did we?

Mr. Bourassa will have his muck-rake ready for use in parliament on Wednesday.

The people of Fredericton are intensely interested in the outcome of the sewerage question before the legislature.

The income men seem to have an extra card up their sleeve. There is Mr. Hill's resolution in the legislature favoring a flat rate for property and income.

Wonder if Mr. Fowler is sorry that he ever entered political life. He has gained at least quite a lot of notoriety—is one of the most talked of men in Canada.

There seem to be several libel suits in the air. Mr. Fowler says he is going to sue the Montreal Star, the chief Tory organ in Montreal and there are others.

The government has scored a notable victory in the St. John Valley railway project, and the opposition had to eat a large amount of crow in unanimously endorsing the proposition.

St. John has all but \$240 for the proposed Champlain monument, which is to cost \$10,000. The federal parliament voted \$5,000, the legislature will give \$1,500, the city puts up \$1,000 and the rest was raised by private subscription.

Governor Tweedie is one of five governors of Canadian provinces, who are of the Presbyterian faith. The others are Governor Clarke of Ontario, Governor Fraser of Nova Scotia, Governor Sir Daniel McMillan of Manitoba, and Governor McKinnon of P. E. Island.

#### DEVIL'S AUCTION.

Mr. A. A. Kennedy, the preliminary agent of Chas. H. Yale's "Everlasting Devil's Auction" arrived in town today on business appertaining to the early announcements of the forthcoming engagement of that famous spectacle at the opera house, April 15th. Mr. Kennedy stated among other things that business is at top notch as far as the is at top notch as far as the Devil's Auction is concerned, that the present season marks the 25th edition of this wonderful play, undoubtedly the best ever given, that being the first representative of the advance corps, he does not attempt to particularize as to the many new novelties, features, magnificent scenic and costume accessories that Manager Yale, has provided for the latest edition of the "Devil's Auction," that he simply announces without naming the actual date, the coming of the "big show," that there are three more agents under the general guidance of the General Agent, Smith Turner, yet to follow him, and that he feels fully satisfied that before they are through the theatre-going public will be fully advised as to the day and date, and the many other good things that have been prepared for their special benefit.

Old Sam had been for several days patiently sitting on the bank of the Rappahannock River, near the dam, holding his shotgun in his hand.

Finally he attracted the attention of a passerby, who asked: "Well, Uncle Sam, are you looking for something to do?"

"No, sah," answered Sam; "I've gettin' paid for what I doin'."

"Indeed!" answered the stranger, "And what may that be?"

"Shootin' the miskrats dat am undermin' de dam," answered Sam.

"Well, there goes one now," exclaimed the stranger excitedly. "Why don't you shoot it?"

"S'pose I wants to lose my job, sah?" answered Sam complacently. Mobile Register.

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#### A GALLOWS MYSTERY

John Lee's Remarkable Experience on the Scaffold.

#### FACED DEATH THREE TIMES.

And Three Times the Trap, Which Had Previously Been Tested and Found in Good Working Order, Refused to Open When the Bolt Was Drawn.

One of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed on the gallows took place in England in the last century.

Early on the morning of Feb. 23, 1885, a considerable crowd of people gathered before the grim front of Exeter prison. It was a silent crowd, shivering in the keen wind that blew around those frowning walls on that dull, misty morning, and its eyes were all bent on a flagstaff which stood bare. They were waiting for a flag to be hoisted—the terrible black flag which should announce that justice had been done on a murderer.

Inside the prison a warder stood ready, holding in his hand the cord which should hoist the hideous black drapery lying on the ground at his feet, but the signal did not come. Instead of it there arrived an excited prison officer.

"The flag will not be hoisted. Lee will not be hanged today," he said.

John Lee, the prisoner whose death signal that crowd had awaited, had had one of the most remarkable escapes from capital punishment recorded in our prison history. To this day it remains somewhat of a mystery how John Lee lived so many years after the events of that terrible morning.

"I had a dream," the wretched man wrote to his sister the day after his fearful experience on the scaffold—"I had a dream on Sunday night (the night before the day fixed for the execution) that the scaffold was not ready and that they had to make another. I told the officers that were on watch over me at 6 o'clock in the morning, but I did not think it was coming true. But it did. It was the Lord's will that I should not die yesterday at the time appointed by man. I believe what occurred was a miracle. I was on brink of death three times. It is my wish to die. I am tired of this world, and I am waiting for the time to come, and I hope it will not be long. I have been dead to this world three times."

John Lee did not exaggerate his awful experience. At 8 in the morning of that February day he had been led from his cell to die. In what had been the coach house of the prison the gallows had been erected. Beneath was a deep pit covered by the closed doors, which, when the condemned man was placed in proper position, should, at a signal from the executioner, fly open, a bolt being withdrawn by an assistant pulling a lever. The whole arrangement had been tested several times and had worked satisfactorily. But now, with John Lee standing there with the cap drawn over his face and the hangman's rope around his neck, the flap doors beneath his feet would not give way!

Berry made the fatal signal, the assistant pulled the lever, the bolt flew back, but the doors kept their place. Then warders rushed forward and stamped with their feet upon the doors. They remained firm. Lee was led aside, and carpenters were called in to saw some of the woodwork away. Again all was ready. The clergyman once more came to the words, "In the midst of life we are in death." Again the signal was given, the bar was pulled, but the doors refused to part.

John Lee stood there before them alive!

Three times did that happen. For no fewer than eighteen minutes Lee stood there tasting the agony of momentary expected death.

Then the white cap was taken from his face and the rope from around his neck, and he was led back to prison, while the jail authorities hastily conferred as to what should be done. A telegram was dispatched to the home secretary, Sir William Harcourt, informing him of the extraordinary occurrence and requesting instructions. Later the undersheriff proceeded to London to interview the secretary.

"I felt," said Sir William Harcourt later in the house of commons, "that it would shock the feelings of every one if this man were called upon to again undergo the pangs of imminent death, and I consequently signed a respite during her majesty's pleasure."

#### Eased His Conscience.

An amusing story is related of John Hopkins. Honesty was evidently one of the fundamental traits of his character. On one occasion he was sent by his mother to borrow a fatiron of a neighbor. The good neighbor gave him the fatiron and at the same time offered him a piece of pie.

"No, thank you. I don't want any pie," said the red faced boy as he started home. Halfway there the pie and his conscience were too much for him. He wheeled about and knocked again at the neighbor's door, his face redder than ever. "I told you a story," he explained; "I did want that pie."

#### A Last Resort.

First Farm Servant—Why did the farmer's wife give you notice? Second Farm Servant—She said I was no good for anything. I couldn't even mind the sheep. So I am going into the town to be a nursemaid.

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#### His Clever Son.

The Dad—My son, I want to tell you that the secret of my success, as it must be of any man's, is hard work. I—The Son—Sh! Dad, I don't care to hear other people's secrets, and I am too much of a gentleman to take advantage of information gained that way. Say no more.

#### An Insinuation Feared.

Clergyman—Madam, you must be consoled with the thought that your husband is at rest. Widow—Do you mean that he didn't have any before he died?

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