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A WISE DECISION.

The decision of the St. John exhibition association not to hold a show in that city this year was a wise one, in view of all the circumstances. Although there is no written agreement that the annual provincial exhibition shall alternate between St. John and Fredericton, that condition has prevailed in the past, and it is a plan that has worked well for both cities, and should be continued. This is Fredericton's year, but after arrangements had been completed for holding an exhibition here during the coming autumn and the local society had received the usual government grant, St. John business men raised a fund to hold a show there much to the disappointment of Fredericton people who so freely patronize St. John's exhibitions. It has been found however that suitable dates had all been taken by eastern province shows, including Fredericton's, the live stock owners had completed arrangements of their circuit, with St. John left out, and those conditions with others which need not be mentioned, converted the St. John association to the idea that they had better abandon their plan of holding a show this year. From the reports in the newspapers it is evident that some correspondence which Ald. Hooper, secretary of the Fredericton association had with the St. John people influenced them to reach the decision of no show this year, and the Fredericton secretary has thus rendered valuable service in the interest of the local exhibition.

BENEFITS ARE MUTUAL.

The St. John Globe has a story that people living along the St. John river between this city and Gagetown are boycotting Fredericton because it insisted on its rights in the sewerage question, but it is scarcely possible that they would adopt a course that would cut both ways. While Fredericton merchants undoubtedly receive a great deal of trade from the down river people, this city offers the best market facilities for them, and practically the only one open to them during several months in the year. The farmers of the river parishes between Fredericton and Gagetown on both sides of the river dispose of their produce in Fredericton, receiving generous prices for it, and they will scarcely be so short sighted because of a largely imaginary grievance to boycott the people to whom they look to purchase what they raise on their farms. The interchange of business between these people and the citizens of Fredericton is mutually profitable, and its stoppage or curtailment would cut both ways. The Globe's paragraph is possibly dictated by a selfish desire of St. John to capture the trade of the communities in question, rather than being based on any actual or probable conditions.

DELIBERATE MISREPRESENTATION.

The local Tory organ when dealing with political opponents gets as far away from the facts as possible heading in innuendo and insinuation to prejudice those against whom it directs its attacks. Its observation on the last government horse importation is an example in that direction. When the organ states that Hon. Mr. Farris and Mr. King, M. P., paid \$3,000 for the horses Lavator and Gallaway, it publishes a deliberate untruth. A detailed statement of the cost of that importation was published in the public reports at the time, and may be found on page 222 of the agricultural report of 1902. In that account the price paid for Lavator and Gallaway is stated at \$2,700 or \$300 less than alleged by the Tory organ. The same paper's statement that these horses were offered to private parties for \$1,800, is of a piece with its other allegations in the article from which we have quoted, and is not entitled to public credence.

THEY ARE TETOTALLARS.

It was a former governor of North Carolina, who was said to have remarked to a former governor of South Carolina that "it's a long time between drinks," and an incident which occurred at the Jamestown, Va., exposition the other day suggests the improbability of the historic observation being repeated within the present gubernatorial term in those States. The governors of the two States present at the exposition were strangers to each other, and were introduced by a mutual friend, who suggested that the old time remark, "it's a long time between drinks" might be in order, but to his surprise and perhaps dismay, the governors confessed to being total abstainers, and somebody else had to do the honors if there were any of the kind proposed. The incident is quoted as an indication of the advance of the temperance sentiment in a part of the country where social drinking has been notably prevalent.

SOME CONCESSIONS.

A delegation representing the Canadian Press Association, which waited on the postmaster general, at Ottawa, Wednesday, were told by the minister that he would grant their request to give stamped wrappers at the price of the stamp. Mr. Lemieux also promised to give favorable consideration to the application for a flat rate of one-quarter of a cent outside the zone instead of two rates as at present of one-half cent and one-quarter. But legislation will be required to do this. The delegation will not press the request for postponing the convention knowing this was possible as the consent of the United States government could not be obtained.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier before leaving England for a trip to the continent, is to receive the freedom of the ancient city of Bristol. A less modest man than the Canadian premier would have his head turned by the distinguished attentions heaped upon him during his stay in the motherland. Hon. Geo. W. Ross, ex-premier of Ontario, and now a senator, has taken a wife, in the person of Miss Mildred Peel of London, Ont., a lady who enjoys quite a reputation as a sculptor. Senator Ross, who is 66 years old, and has a son a member of the Ontario legislature, had been a widower for some years. The St. Andrew's Beacon thinks that Mr. George Fowler M. P. is a better example of "the exaggerated ego" than even Harry Thaw. "Ever since the 'wine, women and graft' speech," says the Beacon, "Fowler has been strutting around like a turkey cock, telling anyone who would listen to him of his mighty deeds of valor. 'When they attacked me,' he says in one of these ecstatic flights of self-consciousness, 'they picked up a live wire.' Again, 'whatever my faults I am neither a sneak nor a coward etc.' Well, well! What a terrible fellow this Fowler is to be sure!"

WM. AGENT AGAINST WM. A certain prosy professor of physics is so great a misanthrope that he deliberately announces his lectures for the days when he has reason to think that his students will least want to attend. He commanded their presence on an election day once and drove them nearly wild by delivering a tedious essay on will power. "If he wills it, a man may accomplish anything," he droned. "Let him make up his mind not to die, and he will live in spite of disease; let him decide that life is not worth living, and he will drop peacefully out of it. I challenge any student to cite an instance in which the power of the will has not triumphed over everything." Up shot the reprobate of the class, a youth beloved by all his companions for his daring humor. "Sir, I accept your challenge. You are wrong," he said. "Pray mention an example," retorted the professor dryly. "With pleasure, sir. An hour ago I will that this lecture should be brought to a speedy conclusion. I've will'd the same thing sixty times since, but up to now it hasn't come off." "Nor will it," said the professor, "for I have not only will'd that this lecture should last another hour, but am perfectly willing that it should do so." And it did.

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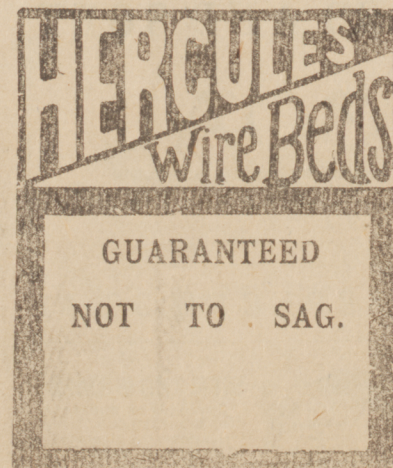
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