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NEARLY TURNED.

Mr. Fowler is probably sorry that he provoked the Minister of Public Works to a discussion on wharf building on the St. John river. The member for Kings-Albert thought he saw an opening to discredit Dr. Pugsley as New Brunswick's minister at Ottawa, and he rushed in with his usual impetuosity and lack of judgment, but came out of the affray with hard knocks for himself and his Tory friends.

Mr. Fowler declared that the federal government should bear all the cost of wharf construction on the St. John river, and was immediately met with the statement by Dr. Pugsley that when the Tory government was in power, and Mr. Foster, who is Mr. Fowler's close associate, was in charge of the federal purse strings, the latter absolutely refused any Dominion contribution to St. John river wharf building, and the local government, of which Dr. Pugsley was a member, had to undertake the work. Later Mr. Foster was induced to contribute one-half of the cost of certain wharves, and since the Liberal government came into power they have built some wharves without local aid.

Dr. Pugsley is in full sympathy with the propriety of the federal government engaging in this work, is using his influence to that end, and promises in the supplementary estimates, grants for the purpose, and in this course he stands in direct contrast to Mr. Foster, who at first refused any federal aid to the construction of these necessary public works. Mr. Foster will not thank Mr. Fowler for giving Dr. Pugsley the opportunity to show up the Tory method of treating New Brunswick's claims in this respect with utter indifference.

GROVER CLEVELAND

The United States lost one of its most eminent citizens in the death of Grover Cleveland, the only Democratic president to occupy the White House since the civil war.

Mr. Cleveland was not a great statesman or a great scholar, but he had sound common sense and business ability, which enabled him to give his country eight years of successful government, and the Democrats have not since his retirement been able to find a candidate that measured up to his standard of practical ability, popularity and strength with the people of the Union.

Mr. Cleveland's one great blunder was his message with respect to Venezuelan affairs, which came near precipitating a war between Great Britain and the United States.

The deceased was a native of New Jersey, but removed to Buffalo in his youth to study law, became prominent at the bar, was elected sheriff of Erie county, then Mayor of Buffalo, and at this stage in his career, the Democratic party discovered in him the qualities of leadership, which they might utilize to make him a national figure. They were not mistaken; Mr. Cleveland was nominated for the New York governorship, won the prize, and immediately became a presidential possibility.

At the Republican National convention of 1884, he was the popular candidate, eventually securing the nomination, and was triumphantly elected president of the United States.

What a whoop went up from the Democrats. They had been out in the cold for over a quarter of a century, but Cleveland led them to victory and office, and he became a popular hero.

In 1888, however, the Republicans put up General Harrison and defeated Cleveland, but the latter in 1892 got back at his opponents by overwhelmingly defeating their idol, the late James G. Blaine, and voluntarily retired from public life at the end of his second term, and has since lived quietly at Princeton, apparently enjoying himself in his family circle and social relations.

REWARDING THE DEFEATED.

Mr. Hazen is doing the best he can to provide for his candidates in the provincial contest who failed of election. The most recent announcement respecting these interesting gentlemen has reference to Mr. Mosher, who was one of the Tory forlorn hope in St. John county. It is said he is to get Mr. W. A. Quinton's place as steward of the provincial hospital. Mr. Stewart, one of the defeated candidates in Redigonche, has been made sheriff of that county.

Mr. Blanchard, a Gloucester victim, is license inspector, and Mr. Curless of Victoria, had a variety of small jobs thrust upon him. Mr. Black of Westmorland, has not received an office, but he got his brother-in-law appointed to the Central Railway commission and so it goes.

Here is our Mr. Pinder, however, who was elected, and has not been able to command anything for himself, and he must conclude that he would have been better off if defeated.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Ottawa Free Press: Poor New Brunswick! First it elects a Conservative government and then it is invaded by a plague of caterpillars. Misfortunes never come singly.

"Me Too" thinks the attorney general when that Albert jury disagreed in a criminal case he was prosecuting. Mr. Hazen was evidently recalling the experience of his solicitor general in securing acquittals.

Judge Landry tells the press that he has no reason to believe that anything was wrong in the Central Railway transactions. His Honor must be careful how he talks of the Hazen Goblines will get him. There will be terrible disappointment among the Tory faithful if the judge and his associates on the commission do not find anything wrong.

If the High schools throughout the province contribute a fair proportion of their graduates to the University freshmen class this year, Dr. Jones will be able to rejoice in a great addition to the young men and women under his charge on College Hill. No less than fourteen of the Fredericton High school graduates contemplate taking a course at the U. N. B., entering at the next term.

The Attendance at the Provincial Teachers' institute now in session in this city, is a record breaker, and indicates a renewed interest in educational matters. Up to this time upwards of 400 delegates are registered, and the number will be largely increased. The program is an interesting one and doubtless much good will result from the discussion and association of the teachers, to whom the Herald bids a hearty welcome to Fredericton.

SUNBURY COUNTY COURT

Charles W. D. Cochrane of Blissville on Trial for Seduction.

The June term of the Sunbury Court opened at Burton yesterday morning. Judge Wilson presiding. There was a large attendance of spectators, many of whom have been summoned to serve as grand or petit jurors. The docket consisted of one criminal case, that of the King vs. Charles W. D. Cochrane, charged with seduction on the complaint of Miss Hattie M. Patchell.

His Honor briefly laid the facts of the case before the grand jury and after some time spent in deliberation they returned to court and through the foreman, Mr. Duncan London of Lakeville Corner returned a true bill against the accused.

The judge thanked the grand jury for their attendance and discharged them.

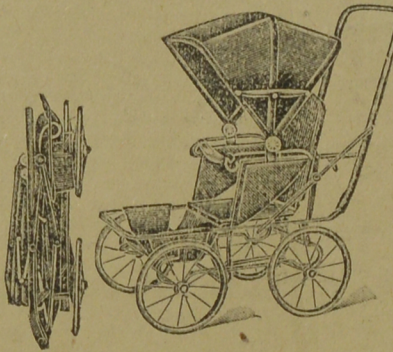
Cochrane was then arraigned for trial on motion of Solicitor General McLeod, and twelve good and true men were sworn in as petit jurors. The Solicitor General in opening the case briefly recited the facts and said that the Crown would undertake to prove that the defendant had seduced the girl under promise of marriage, and that she had afterwards been delivered of a child of which he was the father.

The complainant was called as the first witness and the judge out of sympathy for her had the court room cleared while she was giving her testimony. People had gathered from far and near to hear her evidence, and there was considerable disappointment over the judge's order, but there was nothing to do but obey it.

Under examination by the Solicitor General the girl related her sad story to the court. She said that Cochrane had paid attention to her while she was in the employ of Dr. Murray of Fredericton Junction. He had promised to marry her and on the strength of that promise had betrayed her confidence, and had deeply wronged her.

Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., who appeared for the defence, consented to delaying the cross examination of the witness until after Dr. A. J. Murray had given testimony. The doctor took the stand at five o'clock and corroborated statements made by the girl, in regard to Cochrane paying at

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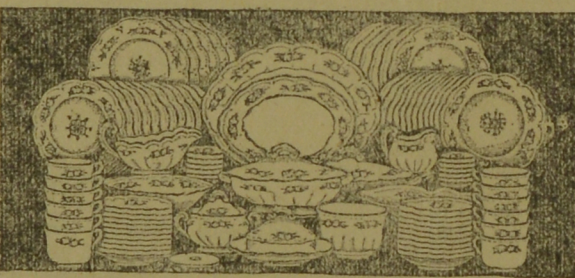
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At the conclusion of the doctor's testimony the court adjourned until this morning when the cross-examination of the girl was taken up. It is expected that the case will be finished today.

Judge Wilson, Solicitor General McLeod, Clerk Campbell and Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., made the trip to and from Burton yesterday in Frank Whelpley's gasoline launch. They covered the distance of fourteen miles from the city to the Court House in one hour and twenty-five minutes. They reached home at seven o'clock in the evening, and returned to Burton this morning.

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