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The Evening Star.

J. E. COLLINS,.....Editor.

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Suppose some of those people who have been reading the STAR for nearly two years without paying for it were to bring us a load of wood!

There is nothing so important in a public man, especially if he be the leader of a party, as backbone.

HOW ST. JOHN WILL "COME OUT."

VERY shortly after the meeting of the House Mr. Elder, one of the St. John members, will move a resolution something like the following:

"Whereas the city of St. John is the seat of intelligence, enterprise, wealth and population of this Province; [the N. P. and the Telegraph to the contrary notwithstanding], and

Whereas the largest portion of public business transacted by any other city or town in the province, is transacted in St. John,

And Whereas the growing spirit of the age and country now recognize all or nearly all the Darwinian theories, among others the survival of the fittest, the greatest good of the greatest number,

And Whereas the people of St. John do zealously favor these principles,

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harmony of the party. If Mr. Wedderburn, for example, notwithstanding his attachment to the Fredericton side of the question, should feel himself obliged to vote for St. John, why let him do so. If Mr. Marshall might anticipate political annihilation at the next election by voting Fredericton, no one, no matter how well he loves his province, could blame him for voting on the side where his bread and butter is. If Mr. Crawford prefer St. John, either for the sake of its fog or its convenience to his home, no one can blame him for his vote; for who wouldn't, if he could, have Parliament Buildings right in sight of his house?

There is another way of getting over the difficulty, and that is by Mr. Elder forsaking the position he has taken and accepting a compromise. On his agreeing to withdraw his resolution the Government might consent to a Bill which would give the option to the Equity judge of holding his sitting where most convenient to the clamorous fraternity, whether in St. John or in Fredericton. Then Government and Opposition alike could calmly discuss the question as affecting the finances of the province: whether or not a neat brick structure similar to the Normal School would not do as well as the massive stone building proposed.

There is yet another way the question might be disposed of and that is by repairing the ruins. We should prefer seeing the new building go on: yet if a majority of the House think the province too impoverished to do otherwise, we should most cheerfully defer to their wishes. But if there is any choice, if such ground be taken, how low must be the hopes of the St. John agitators who ask for a change that will entail an immediate cost of half a million at the least—a cost that would swamp the province for the lifetime of the members who would vote for such an iniquitous proposal.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A correspondent writes:—

"Why on earth don't you give those creatures on the Reporter another lashing?"

To which our reply is, We have not time: other and more weighty matters are engrossing our attention. Now let us ask our correspondent, if he would turn aside from a deer hunt to put his foot on a miserable worm? a poor anecdote that does no harm, that must live that has a right to its little ill-feeling, to its jealousies, and its regrets just the same as ourselves, and that may be crushed at any moment? When the contest through which the STAR, as Fredericton's only newspaper, will have come triumphantly, is ended, then we may put our foot on any of those creeping things that would try to be harmful.

An attack on the editor of the Fredericton Reporter is the very worst case of cruelty to animals. It is like cudgelling a dumb brute, that can't open his mouth to say that you "hurt his feelings." We have already whenever the public good demanded it, been sufficiently cruel to poor Fred. When he came out for Mayor, in the quietest possible way we planted our foot on him—and crushed him. Every time he comes out, if we happen to be in Fredericton, we shall put our foot on him, and crush him just in the same way. Ah, no, we have no malice against poor Fred. We shall not "lash" him—he is too small game just now. Poor Fred!

Fred is jealous of the STAR's success. Its progress and its influence are hateful to his little bosom. Less than two years ago it sprang up a feeble thing, that might be expected to perish any moment. Then Fred laughed at it. Now it is firmly seated as Fred's own hatred of it: its brilliancy reveals Fred's dullness and stupidity.

Fred hates it! Yes. For who would toil from morn till night with a scythe made in the mediæval ages, and not envy his neighbor with a mowing machine? Who wears wooden shoes and does not envy him who puts on prunella? Where is the negro that is not jealous of the Caucasians white skin? Where is the monkey that envies not the man? Where is the inferior being that would not envy his betters for those qualities which the small minded and the ignorant hate, but which the large hearted and the intellectual admire! Fred edits, or, with the help of his brother, a respectable old lady, and five or six others, helps to edit a weekly newspaper. This publication, which in the days of Caxton, would be called a newspaper, is 35 years old: it is a weekly yet. It is just as progressive, and hardly that, in 1880 as it was in 1845. As a relic of what newspapers used to be before the time of Railways, Steam or Chubbucks we respect it—that's all.

If Fred had not his rents—and it is the Shylocks and the little-hearted people that have money stowed away in every old rookery—his Reporter would be "deader than a door nail" in one month. If it depended on Fred's practice at the bar it wouldn't live a week. The STAR—if it is not disrespectful to our revered paper to mention it in the connexion—has fought on its own ground, and won where it stood. We leave others to judge of its patronage and its influence to-day. It is natural for small minds to hate anything superior to themselves: and we may add if the STAR was not hated and maligned it would not be worth living. Worthless concerns are never envied. Who has ever seen an ape, and envied it its expressionless mug, or its silly leer? We envy not the "Reporter."

There is cause, we repeat, for Fred hating us. First we have magnified

his smallness, and we have placed our foot upon him. Secondly,

"Base envy withers at another's joy. And hates that excellence it cannot reach."

Poor Fred!

HOW THE PROVINCIAL PRESS LOOK AT THE REMOVAL.

Those papers of the Provincial Press that favor St. John, either have a personal interest in it, or contend that in the event of the change "St. John should come down handsomely." But you cannot get wool in a goat's house, no more than you can get St. John in its bankrupt state now "to come down handsomely."

The following summary affords the gist of the remarks we find in our exchanges:

ST. CROIX COURIER.

That St. John is a good location; but that if selected, it should come down handsomely.

MONCTON TIMES.

That it would be injudicious to move the seat of government. That the expense would be too great; and that the departmental buildings here should be remodelled, and made to suit all purposes.

BAY PILOT.

This paper is on the fence: it would no doubt favor Fredericton but that it is afraid of the St. John papers to do so. It expresses no opinion.

LE MONITEUR ACADIE.

Favors Fredericton strongly in French, and this assertion we can maintain in the face of the St. John press, whether it is true or not. It says *exempli gratia*:

Mais nous est avis qu'à l'heure actuelle nos finances ne permettent pas au gouvernement d'entreprendre le déménagement des Chambres et des Bureaux Publics, et Frédéricton a toutes les chances de rester ce qu'elle est, depuis bientôt un siècle, la capitale du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Let the *Sun* "chew" over this statement, and tell us what he can make out of it.

ST. ANDREWS STANDARD.

Does not favor St. John, on the grounds of economy. It says that the "expense of removal and the extra cost for the erection of public buildings such as Government House, Departmental Offices and new Legislative Buildings, would involve an expenditure of \$200,000."

Let the *Standard* double these figures, then add \$100,000 to the sum and it will be nearer the mark.

SACKVILLE TRANSCRIPT.

This is a very illiterate newspaper, is published in an out of the way village, and could not be expected to know anything of the merits of the question. It favors St. John in a kind of incoherent way, though the other day it howled about "provincial expenses."

CHIGNECIO POST.

Warmly advocates Fredericton, and says:

We can't help thinking St. John is trying to take the advantage of the misfortune of Fredericton to press for a removal of the seat of government, and St. John thus to benefit by her injury.

It certainly would be a calamity of the Legislature now to change the seat of government to St. John, expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in the purchasing suitable sites for and erecting all the various establishments required by the government, then for a union of the Maritime Provinces to come, and the expenditure thrown away.

ADVANCE AND ADVOCATE.

Both of these weekly papers from the drift of what they have written seem to favor St. John.

FARMER AND REPORTER.