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THE TELEGRAPH AND MR. FOSTER.

The valued Telegraph on Friday made some allusions to the Hon. Mr. Foster.

"Lost to all sense of decency and shame," "scandalous," "low tone," "degeneration of parliamentary debate," "in a frenzy," "pounded the desk," "intense hatred of Mr. Blair," "thwarted ambition," "extinction," "if he had any manhood," "disgraceful Billingsgate," "blunders," "sheer force of abuse," "these are a few gems from three-quarters of a column devoted to the ex-minister of finance."

It is in this "courteous and kindly way the Telegraph seeks to realize Dr. Hannay's ideal of elevating the tone of public discussion relative to politicians and political measures.

There was no need to single out Mr. Foster in discussing the recent all night sitting of the house. The conservative members were standing for the principle that a minister should keep faith with the house, and that information promised should be furnished. Mr. Blair appeared to take the opposite view. Not only Mr. Foster, but the opposition as a party, and as members of a deliberative body which should have some regard for its honor, insisted on having the information promised. They got it. Mr. Blair was compelled to do what his self-respect as a minister of the crown should have prompted him to do at the outset. If he had been in the right, his colleagues would have supported him. No doubt they felt like doing so, since the statement so reluctantly brought down showed what an outrageous bargain he had made with the Grand Trunk last year, and how much the senate saved the country by showing out the bill. Naturally, the government would prefer not to give that information, but the line of opposition attack compelled Mr. Blair's colleagues to remonstrate with him, and insist that his pledge to the house be carried out. Then the house went on with its work.

The Telegraph in its attack on Mr. Foster, once more effaces Mr. Emerson and his platform and the whole provincial cabinet. It proclaims once more that it was Mr. Blair who won the last provincial election in New Brunswick.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

The following editorial from the Montreal Star will receive the hearty endorsement of all militia officers who have had the opportunity of personal contact with the G. O. C.

General Hutton seems to be waiting the approval of every one in Canada excepting Lieutenant Colonel Donnelly, "liberal member of parliament for Kings, N. B." News papers all over the country of both political persuasions have expressed approval of his methods, and the reports seem to indicate that he is exceedingly popular among the volunteers, both officers and men. Some of the newspapers say he is the most popular and efficient commander-in-chief Canada has ever had, but old volunteers who served in the early seventies and the men of the first Red River expedition think it would be hard for any one to surpass him.

General Hutton from the first recognized the fact that while the people of Canada are intensely British in sentiment there is also a very strong Canadian national sentiment. To this Canadian sentiment he constantly appeals. He talks and acts like a man who believes in the greatness of Canada and has confidence in the Canadian people. He recognizes that the conditions prevailing here are different from those in England, that there is generally no difference between the social rank of volunteer officers and men. He tries to encourage a feeling of comradeship among the volunteers. He points out the weaknesses of our militia system and suggests plans for improving its efficiency, but never in such a way as to arouse the antagonism of the volunteers. The London Advertiser gives expression to the general opinion of the new commander-in-chief as follows: "General Hutton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia, seems to have brought to his post a creative enthusiasm which most of his predecessors lacked. The British war office has always sent us capable soldiers, but not always capable organizers. To often they failed to adapt themselves to their new surroundings. They usually followed ideas and practices of the regular service, which were not suited to Canadian conditions, so that our militia system was actually retrograding for want of intelligent and purposeful control. General Hutton came here with the definite conviction of making the Canadian militia an effective unit, but he wisely realizes that he must employ democratic methods in a country where arbitrary notions in military discipline do not find acceptance. In other years the volunteers at the annual camps barely got a glimpse of the commander-in-chief. That perfunctory recognition was thought to be doing a great deal if he gave a whole day to any one of the camps. General Hutton, however, believes that he has more practical duties than sitting at his desk in Ottawa and occasionally reviewing a brigade."

It will be remembered that Hon. Mr. Blair, in endeavoring to show that an independent line of railway from St. Rose to Montreal, stated that to bridge the Yamaska river at St. Hyacinthe would cost \$300,000, and to bridge the Richelieu at Beloeil would cost at least \$400,000. Mr. McLennan, M. P., effectively exposed the absurdity of these estimates, and Mr. Blair was asked in vain to give any reputable authority for them. In the Montreal Star of Saturday last Mr. A. Rousseau makes some observations that are worth quoting in this connection. He says: "I have constructed bridges for over twenty years. I am well acquainted with the Yamaska and Richelieu rivers, and I affirm, without fear of being contradicted, that bridges can easily be built, according to government specifications, for \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the widest part of both rivers. And they would cost a great deal less were they to be built at St. Hyacinthe, or St. Aime or St. Charles on the Yamaska, and St. Ours on the Richelieu. The minister was wise in not publishing the name of the engineer who gave those estimates, as he would have exposed him as either a good joker or a very dangerous man for the public treasury."

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THOMSON-SKINNER.

St. John's church was the scene of a brilliant social event at 10.30 Saturday evening when Percy Walker Thomson, only son of Robert Thomson, was united in holy matrimony with Miss Maude Skimmer, youngest daughter of A. O. Skinner. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John de Soyres, and the choir of the church was present and sang appropriate music. The church was filled with invited guests and spectators. As the bride entered the church upon the arm of her father, the choir sang "The Voice that Breathed Our Eden." Miss Skinner was charmingly gowned in white satin trimmed with chiffon. She wore a well and orange blossoms and carried a large shower bouquet. Her maid of honor, Miss Jean Smith of Windsor, N. S., wore a pretty gown of white organdy, with white picture hat. The bridesmaids, Miss Edith Skinner and Miss Mona Thomson, were dressed respectively in pink and blue organdy, with silk and lace trimmings, and white hats. The maid of honor and the bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink carnations. The groomsmen were Alexander McMillan, and the ushers J. Harrison, Walter Foster, Roy Thomson and Roy Skinner. The wedding was one of the prettiest of the season. After the ceremony, coaches were taken to Mr. Skinner's residence, Coburg street, where a reception was held and a light wedding breakfast served. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson left by the C. P. R. for an extended trip through Nova Scotia. On their return they will reside on Princess street. The presents from friends and relatives were many, and in many cases very costly and beautiful. Substantial remembrances were sent by friends in England and other distant spots.

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has been with the London camp from the beginning, working every day on the drill field and inspiring the men by word and example. He told them he had come to help and not to criticize. He is the first commander who has aroused positive enthusiasm among the Canadian volunteers. If he continues to direct affairs with the same tact and judgment he will leave the militia system vastly more useful than he found it."

SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT.

Says Friday's New York Herald: "Lack of rain is likely to cost the farmers of the eastern states millions of dollars by the partial or complete failure of crops. Vegetation has been fairly shriveled up by the drought, which in many places has lasted practically three months. The hay crop especially is in danger, and fruit and vegetable crops have been badly damaged."

Despatches to the Herald from Albany state that prayers for rain have been ordered in many churches in that and adjoining counties; from Rochester that the drought conditions have not been paralleled for years; from Philadelphia, that the hay crop and pastures have been very badly damaged.

The Boston Herald says: "In New England the lack of rain has caused a drought, and the outlook is very discouraging. Grass is considered beyond recovery, and having has now begun to save a partial crop. Oats are poor; rye is filling well, and corn is growing favorably in northern sections of New England, but slowly in the southern portions."

MR. BLAIR'S BRIDGES.

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PARSONS NEWS.

ST. JOHN'S. June 18.—The Rev. J. W. Beckwith is building a "Theodore" on "Barry's" street, and Officer Rutte, Henry Shaw and Arch. Kendall are building themselves very pretty cottages.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. L. Clark of Ottawa and John Connor of St. John, N. B., are quartered at the Grand-Victoria, B. C. Globe, June 19.

R. Hamley Gordon of St. John, N. B., is visiting his brother, H. Gordon of Royal avenue. R. H. Gordon has been in ill-health, and has come to the Pacific coast for a three months' rest. New Westminster, B. C., Sun, June 19.

The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Kierstead, daughter of Rev. Dr. Kierstead of Acadia college, to J. W. DeB. Farris of this year's graduating class at Acadia. Mr. Farris is a son of Hon. J. E. Farris of White's Cove, Queens Co.—Fredericton Herald.

Lieut. Col. Gordon, D. O. C., who has been spending the past few months in Kingston, has returned to Montreal, and has resumed his duties as D. O. C. for the fifth military district.

Customer (at a restaurant)—This steak is much smaller than the one I had yesterday. Waiter—Yes;ir; came out a smaller ox.

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RIGHTBUCKT NEWS.

RIGHTBUCKT, June 17.—The Norwegian barkentine Handy arrived in port on Thursday, making the seventh arrival this season. The captain has a pigeon which came on board in mid-ocean. Two Norwegian barks and a brig sailed this week.

W. A. Black of Fredericton, formerly a resident here, is spending this week in town.

R. O'Leary received a fine horse from P. E. Island on Thursday. Wm. O'Leary, who has been attending the School of Technology at Boston, and Fred Richard, who has completed his third year at McGill, are home for the vacation.

ST. ANDREWS.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., June 15.—Tuesday, 15th inst., in the absence of County Court Judge Stevens, the clerk, Jas. S. Stevens, jr., opened and adjourned pro forma the June term of the Charlotte county court, there being no causes of any nature for trial.

Mr. Frank Alger of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. Jesse Duxton, who have during the week been visiting friends and relatives here, returned to St. Stephen yesterday.

Mrs. Bowser, wife of Rev. A. Bowser of Wilmington, Delaware, arrived today by steamer and is registered at Kennedy's Hotel. She came to preside over her residence, Cedar Croft, for occupation during the summer. Rev. Mr. B. and boys will come later.

SHEFFIELD NEWS.

SHEFFIELD, June 17.—Mrs. Millie E. Reid of Marysville and young daughter are visiting her parents in Sheffield this week.

Thomas Bridges of this city, who spent a portion of last winter in the hospital at Fredericton under the surgical treatment of Dr. Atherton for a disabled hand, is now able to do light work on his farm again.

Charles Burpee, ex-M. P., is loading a vessel with hay on the bank of his Canning Queens Co. farm.

John P. Bridges is so crowded with work for his tugboat Martella that he has been obliged to put a day and a night crew on her. His work is principally in Queens Co.

The principal lumbermen of this part are in St. John this week disposing of their lumber and find it in active demand.

Frederick Bailey of Little River shipped on board the David Weston on Wednesday last a whole flock of sheep and lambs for the St. John market.

ST. STEPHEN.

ST. STEPHEN, June 19.—The store of H. McKinnon on King street was visited by a burglar last night, who secured about eight dollars in copper that had been left in a drawer in the desk. The burglar was very similar to the one recently detected at H. H. Hill & Co.'s store and only a few doors away. Entrance was made through a cellar window. There is no doubt, though suspicion points strongly towards one young man as the perpetrator of the break.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

MEMORACOOK, June 19.—The commencement exercises of the college will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 21st, and those of the convent of the Sacred Heart on the afternoon of Thursday, the 22nd.

A dramatic entertainment was given by the young ladies of the Sacred Heart convent in Lefebvre hall on the evening of the 22nd.

The new engine and boiler ordered from the Robb Co. of Amherst by Simpson Gaudet for his mill at McGill's Corner have arrived and are being placed in position.

CAMPBELLTON.

CAMPBELLTON, June 19.—A number of the shingle sawyers and bunniers employed in Kilgour Shives' mill were on strike today because Mr. Shives refused to discharge another sawyer who refused last summer to join in the strike for higher wages. Mr. Shives may find it difficult to replace the strikers, as the good shingle market has made an increased demand for this kind of labor. Other mill owners here will not employ the strikers.

There is no truth in the report published by an evening paper that Trinity church has extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Richardson to the rectorship of the parish.

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J. W. Manchester, veterinary surgeon has returned from Montreal. Those wishing to consult him inquire at Hamm's stable, Union street, St. John, N. B.

COAL MINE DISASTER. Relief Fund Committee Organized—Fire Now Well Under Control.

GLACE BAY, C. B., June 19.—At a meeting of the citizens of Glace Bay held today the several resident clergymen and four citizens were appointed a committee to be known as the "Caledonia explosion fund committee," to receive and distribute contributions in aid of the distressed families anticipated.

HALIFAX, June 19.—Encouraging developments are reported this evening from the Dominion Coal Company's mine at Caledonia. Manager Brown and Mr. Robinson went down this noon. Then four more men went down, followed by other shortly after. They think it possible to recover Martin's body by tomorrow evening.

The condition of the mine is not as bad as had anticipated, and the fire is pretty well under control.

The coroner's inquest was further adjourned on account of the illness of the foreman.

AMHERST.

Hon. A. R. Dickey the Unanimous Choice of the Conservatives of Cumberland.

AMHERST, N. S., June 19.—At a liberal conservative convention held here this afternoon, Hon. A. R. Dickey was unanimously selected as the standard-bearer for the next Dominion election. On request Mr. Dickey assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church here to assume the chairmanship of Acadia Seminary at Wolfville.

Two boys, John Brown, aged 13, and Samuel Fraser, aged 14, are under arrest here for running away from their homes in New Glasgow on Thursday morning last.

The boys walked past the whole distance and give no other reason for their escapade except that they were tired of New Glasgow.

ONTARIO.

How the Liberals Win Seats in the Province. MONTREAL, June 19.—Donald McNeill, liberal member of the Ontario legislature for West Elgin, today filed a disclaimer to the seat.

Conservatives protested the seat, and at the trial last week brought out evidence of corruption sufficient to vacate the seat.

In one poll near St. Thomas, presided over by a man named Balo, imported from Saul Ste. Marie, forty-two conservatives and one hundred and twenty-seven liberal ballots were returned by the deputy returning officer.

Eighty-four electors of the polling district made statutory declarations that they voted for the conservative candidate. Balo has been immigration agent at Saul Ste. Marie for some time.

McGILL STUDENT SUICIDES.

MONTREAL, June 19.—Fred Williams, a medical student at McGill, hailing from Boston, committed suicide last night by taking cyanide of potassium. He had been studying hard, and had recently taken to drink.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane.

RAN HIS ENGINE A MILLION MILES.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 12.—Andrew Walker, the veteran engineer of the Vandallia died today. He became an engineer in 1852 and his diary shows that he was at the throttle for 1,000,018 miles, or more than forty times around the world, and never had a serious accident.

Says the Fredericton Gleaner: "It is stated upon good authority that there is to be a big legal fight over the will of the late Miss Mary Canby of this city, whose death occurred quite recently. Miss Canby left an estate valued at about one hundred thousand dollars and a will bequeathing practically all of this wealth to two of her nieces and two nephews.

The remaining heirs, who are quite numerous, are very much put out over the terms of the will, and will, it is stated, immediately take steps to set it aside and have the estate divided among all the legal heirs."

A meeting of the New Brunswick Association for the Prevention of Consumption will be held in the High school on Union street in St. John, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Hon. the Lieutenant Governor will preside.

The contagion of consumption and the best mode of preventing the spread of the disease will be explained by Dr. Esford, chairman of the Provincial Board of Health; the meeting will be addressed by members of the most able speakers in the province.

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