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The St. John Election.

The Grit party in St. John are apparently thinking for an election to fill the vacancy in the city and county's representation, caused by the death of Hon. Isaac Burpee. Before the prorogation of Parliament, Mr. Weldon, M. P., was constantly asking the Government when the writ would issue, and now since Mr. Weldon's return to St. John, he has organized a Grit convention, and nominated Mr. George McLeod as a candidate. It appears there was considerable division of opinion as to running Mr. McLeod. One wing of the party—would be the dynamite wing—desired Mr. Ellis of the Globe, but the ruling spirit, it is asserted, put Mr. Ellis aside, and forced Mr. McLeod's nomination for obvious reasons—one perhaps, being that Mr. McLeod is supposed to be financially well fixed, and therefore unlikely to put forward an important feature of the Grit election policy.

This is not the first time by any means, that Mr. McLeod has been heard of in political circles. He once sat in the Commons for Kent County, his return having been secured by a most lavish expenditure of money, and by some of his friends stuffing the ballot box at Harrogate. On appealing to Kent, he was defeated, and Mr. McLeod was defeated, and transferring his ambition to St. John, in 1882, he met a like fate at the hands of Sir Leonard Tilley. Mr. McLeod is a gentleman possessed of some ability. He is essentially a fighter, and in his public addresses is inclined to be considerably of a braggart, but he is a favorite with the stalwarts of the Grit party in St. John.

The Government candidate for St. John has not yet been selected, but at the proper time, the party will put a strong man in the field, who, backed up by the prestige and popularity of the Government, should find little difficulty in capturing the seat. If Sir Leonard Tilley resigns and accepts the Governorship as some of our Grit friends predict, there will be a vacancy in St. John city's representation, and in that case, both elections would probably be run together. Mr. Ellis may therefore still have an opportunity of sacrificing himself. It is stated by some who pretend to have a knowledge of the inner political circle, that Sir Charles Tupper, who is returning from England, and may desire to re-engage Parliament, will be invited to contest St. John city in case of Sir Leonard's retirement. He would undoubtedly be elected. We can scarcely conceive of the existence of any constituency in Canada, that would decline Sir Charles' services in Parliament. In any case, there will be a warm election in St. John before many weeks, and the Government party may be counted upon to win. The death of Hon. Mr. Burpee made a severe break in the ranks of the Grit party in that constituency, and his mantle has not fallen on Mr. George McLeod.

Riel's Fate.
The announcement of the conviction and sentence of Riel, has sent a thrill of satisfaction through the heart of every loyal Canadian, regardless of nationality or creed. With the strong and complete chain of evidence before them, which the crown officers were able to produce against the Rebel, there could have been no hesitation in the minds of the jury and they were only one hour in agreeing upon their verdict of "guilty."

The trial was promptly brought on, and speedily ended, and the verdict was a righteous one. Riel had the assistance of two, at least, of the best criminal lawyers of Quebec, but their efforts could not save him. The plea of insanity which was principally set up by the defence, could scarcely have been regarded as tenable. Riel's acts of the past few months have not been those of a madman, but of cool and deliberate planning and attempted execution to overthrow the constituted authority of the country. It was through him, and by his orders, that the half breeds rose in rebellion. He it was who incited the Indians to pillage and murder the peaceful settlers of the Saskatchewan Valley. Talk of sympathy or mercy for a red handed murderer such as Riel! Why he should have been hanged for the murder of poor Scott fifteen years ago. Riel deserves less sympathy than any other murderer. True, he has personally shed no man's blood. But he is a coward for that. What a terrible responsibility he assumed, when he ordered Scott's execution, and "let loose his dogs of war" to exterminate his fellow countrymen. There ought to be no hitch in carrying out the sentence of the court. There will be an appeal in Riel's case, and an application for commutation of the sentence, but the temper of the people will not permit so ripe a wretch as Riel to escape the gallows. Let him meet the fate he so richly deserves, and there will be no need to rebellion and discontent in the North West.

The committee in charge of the erection of the fountain, ought to know that they are placing it too near the City Hall entrance. There was room enough without interfering in any way with a public interest.

The funeral ceremonies of the late General Grant at New York on Saturday, will be the most elaborate ever witnessed in America.

Death of Hon. Dr. Vail.

After months of illness, Hon. Dr. Vail, M. L. C., died at his home in Sussex last Friday, lamented by hundreds of friends all over the Province. Dr. Vail for more than twenty years was in public life. He was twice speaker of the Assembly, and on the formation of the Blair Government, he was called to the Executive without office. He represented Kings County in the Assembly almost continuously since 1867, and until elevated to the Legislative Council.

While taking very little part in the discussions of the Legislature, Dr. Vail was industrious in committee, and his views, ripe from experience, were regarded with respect by his fellow members. As a physician, he was successful, and especially considerate to the poor around him, and his friends in Kings County included all classes of the people.

Dr. Vail was twice married, and his second wife, who was a daughter of the late Dr. Murphy of Fredericton, survives him.

A HOLIDAY TRIP.

From Halifax to St. John.

Through the Garden of Nova Scotia.

The Land of Longfellow's Evangelines.

Scenes and Incidents.

(Editorial Correspondence of the "Farmer.")

Under ordinary circumstances, Halifax is a slow city, but it is a wealthy city, and possesses many very attractive features. Its central and dockyard, its manufactures and its public buildings, its splendid park and magnificent gardens, its fine harbor and the historical recollections that are revived in viewing its fortifications, all matters that will deeply interest the visitor. One meets with many peculiarities of people in Halifax. The city is essentially English. It could scarcely be otherwise. Founded and nurtured by Imperial money, garlanded continuously since its nativity, by British soldiers and people, largely by the descendants of those who laid the foundations of its growth and prosperity, there is every reason why English habits, customs and traditions, should be marked and distinct in Halifax. Some of the more radical of its citizens will tell you that this is why Halifax is not more progressive and they may be correct. They say that the business of Halifax has for years, been

run in certain lines, and that when the sailors who have made their pile in the East and West India trade, are superseded by a more enterprising class of men, a revival in the prosperity of the city will follow. I offer no opinion on the subject. Halifax being the capital of the Province of Nova Scotia, local politics, as in Fredericton, occupy quite an important place in the minds of the citizens. As in Fredericton, too, a Grit Government would be the ideal. But the Government of Nova Scotia is a small affair compared with the extensive and expensive luxury, as in New Brunswick. Although the population of Nova Scotia is a half greater than New Brunswick, and although the interests of that province are quite as important and varied as those of the people of this, yet the latter has three heads of departments as against five in New Brunswick. Here is an opportunity for Reform. Then too in the matter of departmental salary, we outstrip Nova Scotia. The Attorney General of that Province, who has also control of the Crown lands, receives a salary of only \$1,800, while our Attorney General, who does not control the lands, receives \$2,100 and the difference is the same in the other departments. Three heads of departments in Nova Scotia cost \$4,800, while in this province the paid members of the Executive cost \$8,800. But I do not propose to introduce politics into this letter, further than to make a reference to

Nova Scotia's Premier.
One to a greater extent than any of our successful public men, is self made. Hon. W. B. Fielding the clever young Provincial Secretary, and leader of the Nova Scotia Government, only a few years ago was a sawboy in the employ of the Canadian Pacific. But he had the elements of success in him. He worked steadily up till he became editor of the paper he formerly sold on the streets, and from that position vaulted into the Premiership. There are but few such striking instances of well deserved success as Mr. Fielding's, especially in such a conservative city as Halifax. The trip from Halifax to St. John, via rail and steamboat, through the western counties, is a peculiarly delightful one. While the first forty miles from Halifax to Windsor, passing as it does through a rocky and uninviting country, is rather uninteresting, the remainder of the journey is one of the most attractive that can be chosen in the Maritime Provinces. I had only time to take a passing glance at the old town of Windsor, which has a beautiful situation on the Annapolis-like estuary of the Avon. Windsor boasts of Kings College, the oldest seat of learning in British America, a large cotton mill, which, however, in comparison with Gibson's, is insignificant indeed, a splendid village of water works, very many wealthy citizens and pretty suburban residences. Windsor is the home of Bennett Smith, who next to Mr. Gibson, is perhaps

The Wealthiest Man in the Lower Province.
The trip from Windsor to the Lower Province, and I met Mr. John A. McCallum, an enterprising New Brunswick, who is doing a lumbering business on the Avon.

Falmouth, Hanover and Aurore, pretty villages through which I passed before entering the far famed marshes of Grand Pre, are all interested in the shipbuilding trade, the decline of which has struck a blow at their prosperity. But the centre of interest to the tourist in Western Nova Scotia is the little village of Grand Pre, immortalized in Longfellow's Evangeline, and in history, as the scene of one of the most tragic events of the Canadian war. The expulsion of the Acadians was a delicate duty the British Government undertook in 1755. These people were most comfortably situated in the midst of a rich agricultural country. They formed a community

Distinct in Themselves.
and on the final cession of Nova Scotia to the English, they declined either to take the oath of allegiance to the British Crown, or remove from the country, alternatives offered by the English government. Their removal was therefore decided upon and executed under Col. Winslow. But the story need not be told here, for history, in prose and poetry, has recorded the event. Grand Pre is an unpretentious little village, but it is the centre of historical interest.

In the Acadian land, on the shores of the distant, secluded, still, little village of Grand Pre, lay the fruitful valley.

From Grand Pre, one has a fine view of the Basin of Minas and of Cape Blomidon, the light and terminal point of the North Mountains which traverse the country along

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Shakey, take a fader's pleasing,
Take it, for you get it cheap;
Go in hot for making money,
Go in for to make a heap.
Don't you do no dings vot's grooked,
Don't you do no dings vot's mean—
Ain't nake right in dot boole,
Quiet, calm and all serene.

Don't you lend your gear to no one,
Not for less dan ten per cent—
Don't you make no vile expenses—
Do's do vay do money vent.
And I tell you, little shakey,
Put dis varning in your ear—
Be a fader's honest,
Nefar fall not twice a year!

Sound a sleep—A more.
A great hardship—An iron steamer.
Breaches of contract—those that shrink.
A wooden wedding—Marrying a block-head.
Beef tongue and oxal soup make both ends meet.
A morally conducted family should have an "upright" piano.
In one respect the ladies have a parallel—The spring chicken will never tell its age.
"Capital punishment" as the boy said when the schoolmistress seated him with the girls.
Fifty more young ladies were made bachelors last week at a Boston college. If this thing continues there will be a shortage in old maid.

Patient—"Brain fader, is it? Oh! Doctor, it's a proud man, is he the day! The old man swears Ot river had enough for a cockroach.
Happy the man whose bride has many ornaments on her fingers. This doesn't necessarily follow. Perhaps she has just completed a crazy quilt.
Philosophy, where does beauty lie? sings a Philistine poet. Considerable of it is usually fingers upon a young man's shoulder unless her head rests very quietly.
Sympathetic Citizen—"What! another railroad extension? 'Too bad, isn't it?' Practical New Yorker—"Too bad? No, boss, no much. It's just boomin' business!"
What are you thinking about anything? "In what case, I'm thinking about what answer to make to a man who does not ask a question."
An Irish counsel, being questioned by a judge to know for whom he was concerned, replied: "I am concerned, my lord, for the plaintiff; for I am employed by the defendant."
"Oh, you can laugh," exclaimed Fender, when a show of impatience was shown. "I'm not quite such a fool as you think I am." "Tell you the truth, said Fogg. "I didn't believe it could be possible."

A wealthy Chicago man buying a large estate with the best of the school teachers. "Oh, no, this is for a foot tub for my daughter," was the truthful reply.
"What Florentine Tompkins" the title of an article in an exchange. That depends upon circumstances. It may have been whiskey, or rum, or beer, or whiskey and rum, or rum and beer, or perhaps Tompkins called a larger man a liar.
An Irishman, recently landed, entered a barber shop in Jersey City, for a shave. After the barber was through, he asked the customer question. "Have you run, sir?" "No, sir; the fact is, sir, I've just had a glass of beer and don't like mixins' drinks."

"How does it happen that there are so many old maids among the school teachers?" asked a reporter of Superintendent Jasper, the other day. "Because school teachers are, as a rule, are women of sense, and no woman will give up a \$600 position for a \$10 man." "Was the reply."
Doctor—"You see, my dear, I have followed my patient through, after all—a very critical case, I can tell you." His wife, who was sitting by his side, said: "But then you are so clever in your profession. Ah, if I had only known you five years earlier, I feel certain my first husband—my poor Thomas—would have been saved!"
Irate Individual—"What did you mean by telling Smith that I had been in jail?"
Calm Individual—"I did not tell Smith that I had been in jail. I simply said that you ought to be in jail."

Irate Individual (cursing down)—"I beg your pardon. I must have misunderstood him."
There was a thing as being smothered in honey. A Kansas man recently drew a big prize in a lottery, and the very same day his wife had twins—both boys—his mother-in-law was struck by lightning while in transit to pay him a visit, and a man who had owed him nine dollars for ten years sent along the money.
Two immigrants, evidently a married couple, bound for Omaha, stopped in a Chicago restaurant for dinner. Sitting opposite each other at the table were a pair of ducks, one of whom was nibbling a piece of celery. "Say, say, say," said the old woman, poking her stick at the ducks. "Get on to the table, you two!"
A commercial traveller was boasting that there were very few towns on his route in which he had no young lady friend to call on.
Then he turned to a man who was sitting near a window and said:
"What did you do that night, stranger?"
"On the self to the pepper-mill!"
"Oh, Lord be praised," I've swallowed it!"
"Well, for goodness sake," whispered his wife, "keep quiet or you'll wake the baby."
Lawyer—"You say you want to sue Dr. Smith for negligence in not curing your mother-in-law?"
Client—"Yes."
Lawyer—"Did he kill her?"
Client—"No, but he made her!"
Lawyer (in surprise)—"What is your charge against him, then?"
Client—"Obtaining money under false pretences!"
"Your wife died while you were abroad last summer, is that?"
"Yes. She's in heaven, the good old soul!"
"That ought to be a great source of comfort to you."
"Why so?"
"Because it's not likely that you'll ever see her again."

Clerk (to employer)—"Can I get a couple of days off, Mr. Smith? My wife's mother is dead, and I want to take the funeral."
Employer—"Will it require two days for the funeral?"
Clerk—"No, sir. The funeral occurs tomorrow, but I'm now sitting pretty close to business, and I would like to take in Coney Island on the following day!"
"What kind of a man is he? Good, bad, indifferent?"
"Well, that depends a good deal on who tests on the other end of the plank with him."
How so, sir?
"Well, if you size him up alongside of Judas Iscariot for some time, you'll find that Judas Iscariot is a much better fellow than he is!"
"So you're quite the railroad, have you?" said one Bransford conductor to another.
"You bet. I couldn't stay on it and make anything. They've got a new uniform for the conductors."
How? Two coats?
"No. It's a plain coat—a military coat with buttons down to the throat and a belt to the waist, and you have to keep it buttoned up all the time, too!"
"What's that got to do with it?"
"Got to do with it? I'd like to know what show a fellow has for his inside pocket!"

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Down on Broadway, New York, a colored man who runs an apple stand, worked from daylight on Friday on a big placard, printed in big black letters on a sheet of white paper, with which to decorate his little place in memory of Gen. Grant. When he had completed his task he hung it in front of his stand and returned it with great admiration. The words were: "He sent me free."

Princess Beatrice's wedding cake was made in three sections, and weighed on completion about four hundredweight. A notable feature in the ornamentation was that all the flowers, buds, sprays and leaves were modelled in pure sugar and were of a snowy whiteness; each section was decorated with hundreds of the above; the cake and bouquet, which surrounded the cake, were composed of similar material. The wedding cake was a triumph of the confectioner's art.

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Quiet, calm and all serene.

Don't you lend your gear to no one,
Not for less dan ten per cent—
Don't you make no vile expenses—
Do's do vay do money vent.
And I tell you, little shakey,
Put dis varning in your ear—
Be a fader's honest,
Nefar fall not twice a year!

Sound a sleep—A more.
A great hardship—An iron steamer.
Breaches of contract—those that shrink.
A wooden wedding—Marrying a block-head.
Beef tongue and oxal soup make both ends meet.
A morally conducted family should have an "upright" piano.
In one respect the ladies have a parallel—The spring chicken will never tell its age.
"Capital punishment" as the boy said when the schoolmistress seated him with the girls.
Fifty more young ladies were made bachelors last week at a Boston college. If this thing continues there will be a shortage in old maid.

Patient—"Brain fader, is it? Oh! Doctor, it's a proud man, is he the day! The old man swears Ot river had enough for a cockroach.
Happy the man whose bride has many ornaments on her fingers. This doesn't necessarily follow. Perhaps she has just completed a crazy quilt.
Philosophy, where does beauty lie? sings a Philistine poet. Considerable of it is usually fingers upon a young man's shoulder unless her head rests very quietly.
Sympathetic Citizen—"What! another railroad extension? 'Too bad, isn't it?' Practical New Yorker—"Too bad? No, boss, no much. It's just boomin' business!"
What are you thinking about anything? "In what case, I'm thinking about what answer to make to a man who does not ask a question."
An Irish counsel, being questioned by a judge to know for whom he was concerned, replied: "I am concerned, my lord, for the plaintiff; for I am employed by the defendant."
"Oh, you can laugh," exclaimed Fender, when a show of impatience was shown. "I'm not quite such a fool as you think I am." "Tell you the truth, said Fogg. "I didn't believe it could be possible."

A wealthy Chicago man buying a large estate with the best of the school teachers. "Oh, no, this is for a foot tub for my daughter," was the truthful reply.
"What Florentine Tompkins" the title of an article in an exchange. That depends upon circumstances. It may have been whiskey, or rum, or beer, or whiskey and rum, or rum and beer, or perhaps Tompkins called a larger man a liar.
An Irishman, recently landed, entered a barber shop in Jersey City, for a shave. After the barber was through, he asked the customer question. "Have you run, sir?" "No, sir; the fact is, sir, I've just had a glass of beer and don't like mixins' drinks."

"How does it happen that there are so many old maids among the school teachers?" asked a reporter of Superintendent Jasper, the other day. "Because school teachers are, as a rule, are women of sense, and no woman will give up a \$600 position for a \$10 man." "Was the reply."
Doctor—"You see, my dear, I have followed my patient through, after all—a very critical case, I can tell you." His wife, who was sitting by his side, said: "But then you are so clever in your profession. Ah, if I had only known you five years earlier, I feel certain my first husband—my poor Thomas—would have been saved!"
Irate Individual—"What did you mean by telling Smith that I had been in jail?"
Calm Individual—"I did not tell Smith that I had been in jail. I simply said that you ought to be in jail."

Irate Individual (cursing down)—"I beg your pardon. I must have misunderstood him."
There was a thing as being smothered in honey. A Kansas man recently drew a big prize in a lottery, and the very same day his wife had twins—both boys—his mother-in-law was struck by lightning while in transit to pay him a visit, and a man who had owed him nine dollars for ten years sent along the money.
Two immigrants, evidently a married couple, bound for Omaha, stopped in a Chicago restaurant for dinner. Sitting opposite each other at the table were a pair of ducks, one of whom was nibbling a piece of celery. "Say, say, say," said the old woman, poking her stick at the ducks. "Get on to the table, you two!"
A commercial traveller was boasting that there were very few towns on his route in which he had no young lady friend to call on.
Then he turned to a man who was sitting near a window and said:
"What did you do that night, stranger?"
"On the self to the pepper-mill!"
"Oh, Lord be praised," I've swallowed it!"
"Well, for goodness sake," whispered his wife, "keep quiet or you'll wake the baby."
Lawyer—"You say you want to sue Dr. Smith for negligence in not curing your mother-in-law?"
Client—"Yes."
Lawyer—"Did he kill her?"
Client—"No, but he made her!"
Lawyer (in surprise)—"What is your charge against him, then?"
Client—"Obtaining money under false pretences!"
"Your wife died while you were abroad last summer, is that?"
"Yes. She's in heaven, the good old soul!"
"That ought to be a great source of comfort to you."
"Why so?"
"Because it's not likely that you'll ever see her again."

Clerk (to employer)—"Can I get a couple of days off, Mr. Smith? My wife's mother is dead, and I want to take the funeral."
Employer—"Will it require