

EVENTS.

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A DIVIDED CHRISTIANITY.

The more the achievements of a divided Christianity are subjected to impartial investigation, rendering due account of its energy and efficiency in details the more certain will be the conviction that it no longer represents the best aspirations in the life of present day people. Fortunately good citizenship is secured not because of, but in spite of the principles of religious discords. Moreover the implications of logic are not widely appreciated. It would be impossible even to realize in the imagination what kind of a civil community would exist if the assumptions of a sectarian Christianity were given a wide application. Some of the most permanently useful achievements of the Christian Church are now appropriated by the state while churches are left a large portion of the failures of the past. That they are breaking down under this burden is not surprising for the common intelligence of mankind will not always believe that the mission of Christ can be fulfilled by rival organizations who only maintain peace among themselves by anti-fraternal indifference. Without exaggeration it may be said that the distinguishing marks of the civilization of to-day in every department of activity are wholly opposed to religious divisions in national life. Why church buildings should act as museums for the discredited survivals of religious animosities will soon be debated with an active and overgrowing interest.

The Newcastle Advocate is booming James Robinson, M. P., for the vacant senatorship. What a waste of energy.

A PRODUCT OF POLOITICS.

It was somewhere in the early seventies that the present seclude and dignified New York Sun made the following observation:—

"The present editor of the Times who was dismissed from the London Times for improper conduct and untruthful writing has sunk into a tedious monotony of slander, disregard of truth and blackguard vituperation."

That announcement or accusation was made in a darker age than this. The whirligig of time has given us new policies and new principles in respectable newspaper offices and it is no longer considered expedient or smart to indulge in slanderous personalities, "clever" quibbling or "blackguard vituperation." Temperance is the keynote of all successful newspaper writers and among the leading partisan papers of Great Britain, the United States and perhaps Canada one will see little that savors of what is vulgarly called rot. We regret to say, however, that we have here in the Maritime Provinces, so called respectable papers whose political effusions mark them as fit organs for an insane asylum. Our attention was called the other day to an issue of one of the Provincial dailies in which all of the following editorial "squibs" appeared:—

"Canada is for Laurier."

Nova Scotia is a unit for Fielding

Tremble, ye dogfish! Borden is here.

Quebec no longer uses the "tricolor."

Mr. R. L. Borden's welcome

home was "poetically" prophetic.

The "old opposition" ice-box will be colder than ever next time.

"Golden" Goutley says that farmers are "base metal" as compared with lawyers.

The winter of the "opposition's" discontent will shortly be made in glorious Poland.

We have already spent, it seems to us, far too much public money on the "fad".

"Anxious Enquirer." No, the Borden home-coming "poetry" was not "machine made". It was all made by hand.

According to Mr. Borden's Western Pursuers, Nova Scotia smells of "sulphur and molasses" in the spring and of "bad whiskey" at all times.

THE CAUSE AND CURE OF A ST. JOHN WHINE.

According to the St. John newspapers the hotel men of that city do not seem pleased with the tourist traffic this year and are wondering why it is not greater. Wonder of wonders! What has St. John got to offer the average tourist except a lot of dripping clothes, bog and high tides. But seriously it is not a wonder that New Brunswick has been able to hold any proportion of its tourist traffic? What have we to offer outside of a cool and bracing climate? Absolutely nothing. Our fishing waters are owned and monopolized by a few individuals with long strings to their purses which makes it impossible for Isaac Walton of meagre means to indulge in the thrilling and entrancing sport of fly fishing. Our watering places have not been provided with cottages and our towns have not been able to provide that hotel accommodation which tourists and vacationists rightfully expect. The importunities of the St. John hackmen have been another discouraging feature and have had a damaging effect on tourist traffic, actually overbalancing and counteracting the efforts of the energetic tourist associations. When New Brunswick with all her natural and attractive beauties, her incomparable climate coupled with her wealth of forest and stream relieves herself of the handicaps alluded to above she will no doubt secure such an influx of tourist travel as will be satisfying and profitable to all concerned and tax the limit the accommodation of Canada's new and wonderful train the "Ocean Limited."

A COMMENDABLE ACTION.

We learn from the Newcastle Advocate that the people of that town are moving in the direction of securing a statue or monument to commemorate the services of the late Hon Peter Mitchell. We regard this step in the light of a duty of the people, who are enjoying fruits of the labor of a great statesman. Surely Mr. Mitchell deserves well of his country and his memory should be perpetuated in bronze or marble so that future generations will know who were the pioneers and constructors of this great Dominion. We hope that this movement will not be confined to Newcastle or the County of Northumberland and that all Canada will be afforded an opportunity to give evidence of their gratitude to one whose untiring zeal against overwhelming odds did so much in dotting out coasts with light houses and securing the construction of the Intercolonial Railroad. Let it be general and not local—this movement of the town of Newcastle.

All who arrive in town now come by Canada's new train—"The Ocean Limited."

PASSES—BRIBE TAKING.

"Of course nobody gives something for nothing and the extent to which free passes are distributed among politicians and their clients is an unerring symptom of the prevalence of a corrupt government."—Pittsburg Gazette.

The giving of free passes by a railroad corporation or government owned railroad is nothing more nor less than palpable bribery and the politician who accepts a pass is placing a gag in his own mouth—a collar on his neck with the leash in the hands of the donors. The free pass system is a menace to popular liberty which because smothered by the prosperity of the receiver and should be discontinued by all patriotic men and women. If legislators are owned by corporations and the source on fountain from which our laws arise are corrupt what chance or hope is there for the liberties of the people? Abolish passes, perquisites and everything that has a suspicion of corruption.

THE POLITICAL DEDUCTIVE.

"When will the general elections take place?" is the question uppermost in the minds of the Canadian people. The Conservative leaders who don't know assert that they will take place this autumn; the Liberal leaders who do know are silent. What are we to infer? That they will not take place this autumn? Yes. Because the Conservatives always take a contrary view of things from the Liberals.

The Mill Creek Bridge.

Sayabec, P. Q., Aug 12—Much has been said and written about the Mill Creek Bridge at Campbellton, largely no doubt to make political capital. That is not my purpose. The bridge is there and will stand for itself. It will be remembered that a short time after the bridge was built a certain party operating a mill on the inside of the bridge, built a dam on the upper side of the abutments to hold in the water at low tide for the purpose of floating scows, and keeping logs to the slip. I said at the time it would damage the bridge, unless the builder of the dam was compelled to build an apron to carry the water clear of the foundation. I had occasion every day for three weeks during the time of the freshest spring tide to pass over it, and noticing the depth of water at low tide as compared with the depth of water before the bridge was built, I considered that the foundation was already very much impaired, and if something is not done very soon the abutments will collapse. This I suppose would be called an act of Providence, same as bridges which have been built and rebuilt too low for the span, and which are already very much impaired, and if something is not done very soon the abutments will collapse. This I suppose would be called an act of Providence, same as bridges which have been built and rebuilt too low for the span, and which are already very much impaired, and if something is not done very soon the abutments will collapse.

Now I don't ask the man who owns the mill there to remove the dam and fill up the washout with stone. I know it is a great convenience to anyone doing mill business there. But if this is allowed to go on some day, not far hence, there will be neither bridge nor dam there. What I ask and what the public should demand is that he be at once made to fill the washout with stone and build an apron of a good easy grade to carry the water at least 15 or 20 feet clear of the lower side of the bridge and deposit it gently in the water at the lower level. This would be no obstruction whatever to scows or rafts passing in and out at high tide, and would guarantee the safety of the bridge in future.

I trust that those who have taken the responsibility of these matters in hand will see to it at once before another spring freshet. If you think I am not right and wish to discuss this matter further I am

prepared to do so in the true public spirit.

Trusting you will give this space in your valuable paper.

I am yours very truly,
JOHN DICKIE.

MINISTER OF WAR A PRISONER.

Insurrection Down South Assumes Serious Proportions.

Buenos Ayres, Aug 19—The insurgents have seized another steamer, which had on board the minister of war and a small escort. The minister and his companions were made prisoners.

At the conference on board one of the insurgent steamers after the bombardment of Asuncion last Wednesday, between the ministers of Argentina, Brazil, Italy and France and the insurgent leaders, the latter said that after the ministers left the vessel they would fire two more shots, one at the residence of President Ezcurra, and the other at the church, concealing the battery in order to demonstrate the excellence of their artillery.

The shots were fired and both the president's residence and the church were hit.

No further bombardment has been reported.

The insurgent commander with 2,000 land forces is approaching Asuncion.

The Villa Quyes is the only point which can now be communicated with. Asuncion is completely isolated.

The insurgents' terms were conveyed to the government and promptly declined.

The insurgents then sent an ultimatum demanding the surrender of the capital within 24 hours, saying that should this demand not be granted the bombardment of Asuncion would be resumed.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres, Aug 12, said that the insurgents had captured a steamer commanded by the government and that the acting minister of war, who was on board the steamer, attempted to escape by jumping overboard, and swimming to the river bank. He was, however, taken prisoner before reaching the shore. The name of the acting minister was not given.

The Minister of War is Col. Antonio Caceres, who was appointed by President Ezcurra assumed office in 1902.

Kendrick's is King over all pain—Lumbago—Rheumatism—Neuralgia—Sore Throat and Lungs.

THERE'S JUST ONE SHOE



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