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AMERICAN TOURISTS.

All over the country just now comes the wail of the Tourists for more hotel accommodation. Halifax, it is said, has not a decent hotel in it, and what they have are not near sufficient to accommodate those going to them. In the country we hear the same cry. The report about Wolfville is, that there is no accommodation here. That no teams can be obtained to go to noted places off the line of rail. That what few teams are here are busy farming or something of that sort when needed. Supposing this to be true it is of course a thing that our hotel keepers should look after. But the question arises, would it pay them to keep such teams as are asked for. In the first place, the season is very short especially in a wet season like the present, and we doubt if enough could be made to pay for keeping teams all the year around. Horses are scarce and hotels could not buy or hire them for the season when they are in demand for farm work and sell them in the winter when they are little needed. Then we doubt if our American cousins are anxious to pay our people any-where near what they have to pay at their own summer resorts from which we are told to take pattern. A business which only lasts two or three months certainly can't be run as cheaply as one lasting the whole year, and the only remedy we can see is to put the prices up to Newport, Long Island and other favorite resorts, and then aim to give the needed accommodation. Any way people are bound to grumble under any circumstances, and it might as well be at less comfort as at big prices, the only alternative.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

After a lot of debate, and as far as we can see, a good deal of wire pulling, the local government has been reconstructed as follows:

Mr. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary and President of the Council.  
Mr. A. J. White, Attorney-General.  
Mr. C. E. Church, Commissioner of Works and Mines.

Members without office:

Mr. Thomas F. Morrison.  
Mr. Thomas Johnson.  
Mr. I. LeBlanc.  
Mr. J. W. Longley.

We do hope they will now settle down to some sensible work and get something done. According to a prominent Liberal authority the Holmes Government was a poor useless affair and the late administration was but little better, so that the new ministers won't have to work very hard to improve on their predecessors.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS.

The Democratic National Convention, which met at Chicago July 8th, set the political battle of 1884 in order. Both great parties having now selected their candidates and announced their principles, the issue is fairly joined. Like its Republican predecessor, the Democratic gathering was marked by much enthusiasm and noise, and the struggle is doubly sure of being a stirring one.

In opposition to Blain and Logan, the Democrats chose for their leaders Grover Cleveland, of New York, and Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana. Mr. Cleveland has had but little experience of public life, having held only two important offices, those of Mayor of Buffalo and Governor of New York. During his terms of service, however, he has commended himself by his business-like way of managing the public affairs, and by an apparent desire to be rather the servant of the citizens in general than of a party. Mr. Hendricks has been prominent as a member of the United States Senate, and one whose public and private character are above reproach. The Democrats, therefore, have been fortunate in selecting good men for their standard bearers. It may be said of them that, while they are less brilliant than the Republican candidates, they have given less occasion for personal attack and enmity.

It is claimed for Mr. Cleveland that he will be in favor of honest reform in administering the business of the Government. On this account he will probably receive the support of a portion of the Republican party, who charge Mr. Blaine with being a politician in the baser sense of the word. It is said against Mr. Cleveland that he is an aristocrat, because, as Governor of New York, he vetoed some bills intended to benefit the working men. As to this, Mr. Cleveland says that he examined the bills carefully and found them so faulty that they would have injured rather than helped the classes for whose benefit they were intended.

The Democratic platform is more a campaign document against the Republicans than a declaration of doctrines. However, while the Republicans assert the principle of protection to home industry by means of a tariff, the Democrats say the tariff should be used mainly for revenue. But, in point of fact,

neither party can take decided ground, for the reason that their members are not agreed. There are doubtless as many protectionists among the Democrats as there are free-traders among the Republicans. That both parties favor the principle of protection, when it suits them, is shown in the fact that both platforms favor keeping Chinese workmen out of the country, which is the most obsolete method of protecting American workers from foreign competition.

The Democratic platform declares against "sumptuary laws," that is, prohibitory temperance acts and other methods of compelling men to observe correct habits. It has also a clause which seems to denounce our present eighty-five cent silver "dollar" as dishonest. In general it may be said of both platforms that they are, in the main, declarations of good character and merit and charges of unworthiness against their opponents.

The parties are not divided by any distinct questions of public policy, in point of fact. The battle will be in part a strife of organization, and in part a struggle for principles which are supposed to be embodied by the two candidates.—*American Paper.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the Acadian.

DEAR SIR,—I would like to ask through the medium of your paper how much imposition it is necessary to stand in the way of feeding and entertaining tramps to be considered a good and loyal citizen. We have always had a certain amount of that class, both foreign and domestic, which we were proud to be able to administer to their comfort, to give them a opportunity to rest their wearied limbs, with a little wholesome stimulants to revive the inner man. But we have an individual that is going the rounds, and has been for a number of years, in this county and other parts of the province. I think his legal settlement is that beautiful land of Evangeline. I understand he is a gentleman's son and has had the benefit of a pretty liberal education; and is the possessor of an annuity, which used judiciously, would be sufficient to support him comfortably. But notwithstanding all this he continues to act the vagrant and to travel the country in a state of obscenity and is covered with filth and vermin. He comes to our houses on cold and stormy nights when humanity if nothing else would forbid us to refuse him shelter when by doing so we run the risk of having our premises stalked with a low order of cattle. If there was no other way of doing I suppose we would put up with it, as it is a proverb "What can't be cured must be endured," but it seems to me that after being to so much expense as the Township of Horton has been to for the last few years in buying a farm and fixing up comfortable quarters for such unfortunates, with a full staff of officers, and a very plain statute law on this point, that it is time this public nuisance was looked into. Thanking you for space, I remain  
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