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EDITORIAL NOTES

It is extremely ridiculous to see the *Herald* and *Chronicle* praising their own candidates and abusing the opposition the way they do. How men of the amount of sense and judgement they claim to possess can act that way puzzles us. It reminds us very much of a lot of drunken men on a circus day in the country.

We see by the papers that the Local Government is going to have the Port Williams Bridge rebuilt and asks for tenders for the construction of it. This is a good move and we would suggest that they also put a few dollars on the approach to the bridge from Port Williams Station. We hope the Provincial Engineer will have to drive over that piece of road a few times between now and next spring, but if he does he had better get insured against accidents.

The Kentville man has a long article on those Customs or Secret Service Detectives. If his information is correct there is a great deal of justice in what he says. If those men have the power they are said to have, it does certainly look strange. Of course it might be that the Government are determined to stop the smuggling at any cost and they may be allowing these men to make all they can out of it so that they will [illegible] harder to accomplish the desired e[illegible] But on the other hand it seems an unusual thing for any government to do and we are led to think that these men never said what they are reported to have said or else they told those stories with a hidden purpose to help on their work. If as is claimed by some they are doing this business for fun it is a very funny thing for them to do and they incur great risk of being called to the "bar" or rather behind the bars. About the only conclusion we can arrive at is that mankind in general know nothing about these men or their duties and the least said until they do find out the better for the speaker or writer.

SPORTING.

It does look as if sporting was going to get away down deep into the impossibilities soon and achieve supernatural feats. Jay-Eye-See on one day beat his own and the best record of trotting horses for one mile, lowering it from 2.10¼ to 2.10. Next morning Maud S. was out bright and early looking after her laurels, and lo! down came the time to 2.09¾. We do not suppose it will stay long at that and when it gets down among the 1.40s, we shall be looking out for "two minute" truck horses.

In the same connection we notice that Edward Hanlan has been defeated on the Paramatta, Australia, by Beach leaving him seven boat lengths behind. We are sorry for Hanlan because we believe him to be the most honest oarsman of late years and besides he is Canadian.

The sporting world seems to be as fluctuating as the money market on Wall Street.

A BRACE OF LUCKY FIRES.

He who trusts to "luck" to make his fortune, is a promising candidate for the poor house. That would be a bad adviser indeed who counselled his young friends to "wait for something to come around." Yet there have been many examples where accident, or luck, were of prime importance.

A fire broke out, once upon a time, in a store next door to that occupied by an old-fogy dealer in boots and shoes. This dealer had never advertised, because, as he said, it cost too much. His goods were dear, because, as he explained it, he had not many customers and so had to make the most out of each one. When the fire took place, the stock of boots and shoes was considerably injured in locks by the smoke. The dealer was much cast down, and, as a desparate measure, determined to advertise a sale of "damaged stock." To his surprise there was a great rush of customers. He sold his stock at good prices, and, as trade was brisk, he bought all the shopworn goods he could find in New York to keep the mill going. By this experience he learned a good lesson, and his supposed mishap was the foundation of his fortune.

Another example was that of Lundy Foot, who kept a small tobacco shop in Limerick, Ireland. One night his premises burned to the ground. The next morning Foot was wandering in a state of low spirits, gazing at the ruins, when he saw some men fumbling among a heap of cannisters of half-baked stuff. They seemed to be pleased with it, for they proceeded to load their pockets. Foot had the curiosity to sample some of this snuff, which he supposed to be ruined. He was surprised by its pungency and flavor. Acting upon the hint he set up a new shop, built some ovens, and amassed a great fortune from the sale of what was known as "Blackyard snuff."

Fires have sometimes been profitable to those who were crafty enough to cheat the Insurance Companies. It does not often happen, however, that they bring such luck as in the cases here recorded.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Sultan Pacha, president of the Egyptian Legislative Council, is dead.

—Maud S. was sold to Robert Bonner of New York, on Monday night for $40,000.

—All French naval officers on furlough have been ordered to return to Toulon, in anticipation of war with China.

—The New Brunswick foundry, at Woodstock, has this year turned out 340 mowers, 375 reapers, 175 steel ploughs.

—The firm of Miller & Son, flax spinners in Belfast, Ireland, which is noted for the flax industry, have failed with liabilities of $550,000.

—A porter named James Sheridan, of Wheeling, West Virginia, and his brother and two sisters have fallen heir to an estate in Ireland worth $2,500,000.

—Rev. W. H. Murray, once pastor of the Park St. Congregational church, Boston, with a remarkable history since is now keeping an eating house in Montreal.

—The Department of Fisheries, at Ottawa, has received a letter from Commander Wakehame, of the Government Steamer La Canadienne, in which he states that the cod fisheries along the south-eastern coast of Labrador are likely to prove a failure this season.

—Eph Morris, representing John Teemer, has issued a challenge to all scullers, and naming Hanlan and Beach, for a four mile race for £500 a side, to be rowed either in England or America. Teemer also offers to concede several seconds start to Ross, Gaudaur, Hosmer and others of like merit.

—A strange disease has been killing fish on Lake Mendota, Wisconsin, and the wise men cannot find what is the cause of their death. Perch are the principal fish that have died, but some white fish and a few peckeral have perished too. About 3,000,000 dead fish have drifted ashore and 200 tons of them have been carted away.

Hotel Arrivals.

AMERICAN HOUSE, J. W. Harris Prop.—Aug 4th: A L Calhoun, Boston; J Goarley, Galt, Ont; J Finlay, Montreal. 5th: A P Andrews, Toronto; A Cameron, Hx.; E Emma Maxwell, St Stephen; Edward Crawley, Boston; E H Crawley, Boston; Prof. Sutherland, Boston; Miss Crosby, Misses May and Nelly Crosby, Boston; H B Weswell, B Boggs, Halifax; G H Clemment, C E Y Clark, Charles Lounder, Laurence Me.; Alice M Roberts, St John N B; Albert Roberts, St John N B; D V Roberts, St John N B; Francis Perkins and wife, D Fielding wife and child, J Parker, T Wilson, Halifax.

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