

# THE MARITIME PATRON,

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## Maritime Provincial Grange—Patrons of Husbandry.

"In Essentials Unity—In Non-essentials Liberty In All Things Charity."

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In the absence of questions upon which we or the political parties of the Maritime Provinces "stand divided by party lines," the Order in this jurisdiction has sought to clear away the partisan fence that had become merely an obstruction and a hindrance to united action.

The leader of the government of Nova Scotia has, however, introduced into the legislative of that province a series of resolutions which contain the announcement of a distinct policy. These utterances, if adopted by the party of which Mr. Fielding is the leader, will erect upon a comparatively peaceful political field bristling *chateaux à frise*, on one side or the other of which every man must take his stand and on which no man can sit.

Mr. Fielding asks the Legislature of Nova Scotia to declare that the province has been unfairly dealt with by the British North American Act, which fixed the terms and conditions upon which the province, forming the Dominion became confederated. That instead of halcyon days of prosperity, we have now, as the result of confederation, a condition of general debility and depression which the Dominion Government refuses and will (shall?) refuse to cure or palliate by granting "better terms." That a panacea will be found in the withdrawal of the Maritime Provinces from the larger confederacy and the formation of a Maritime Union.

That if the sister provinces cannot be coaxed to withdraw from the Dominion, then it shall be "absolutely necessary," in order to have railways and public works wherever they are wanted or demanded, industries fostered, commerce invigorated, and everything lovely and on a sound basis that the indulgent mother on the other side of the big pond be petitioned to let poor little Nova Scotia withdraw from the ruinous partnership and set up on her own account again.

Finally, the Nova Scotia Premier asks the Legislature to declare its opinion and belief that these things as above epitomized are so, "in order that candidates for the suffrages of the people at the approaching elections may be enabled to place this vital and important question of separation from Canada before them for decision at the polls."

This then is to be the issue at the coming election, and we Patrons, however much we may desire to do so, will not be able to unite our votes with those of our brothers of the plow and with the temperance workers in behalf of our common interests, which are and always must be the interests of our country.

We shall not attempt to discuss this issue of secession, though it be, as we have believed it to be, and hoped that it would be allowed to remain, a dead and buried issue—resurrectionized for—let those who have disquieted it to bring it up confess why they have done so—but we may without violation of our principles or obligations, add a few remarks of a non-partisan character that our duty, as we apprehend it, seems to call for.

A union of the Maritime Provinces we believe to be earnestly desired by our Order, as it must be by a majority of the people of the Maritime Provinces, to judge by the frequency of the occurrence of the word "Maritime" in the designation of societies, journals, etc., not to mention more direct and explicit utterances. We think it unfortunate that the N. S. Premier did not decide to employ his talents, his energies, and his influence for the accomplishment of Maritime Union, and to let the dead secession issue rest. Had he adopted this patriotic and statesman like course, he would have had the sympathy and support of the great majority of the people of Nova Scotia, he would have taken the most likely way to have secured the "better terms" which is conceded are Nova Scotia's due—and he would not have lying at his door the odium of old animosities revived and political society and social storms instead of the comparatively fair weather all round, that we have been enjoying.

Who can say authoritatively that we are in every respect better off as members of the British North American Confederacy than we would have been had we remained separate provinces? or, that we would be better off to-day had we remained as we were before Confederation? it may, however, be authoritatively said that secession, or efforts in that direction, rarely accomplishes any good and always result, in much harm.

Poor Britannia! we think we hear her exclaiming, "And then too Nova Scotia!" Verily her family is more troublesome to rule than—"the waves!" We beg to inquire of the *Morning Herald* whether Mr. Fielding really does propose to "ask permission from the Imperial Government to withdraw from the union with Canada, and return to the States, or a province of Great Britain," as printed in the tri-weekly of the 6th inst.

We must not affirm in this place that Confederation is not responsible for hard times and all our woes, but some other cause must be assigned for the hard times, and the greater woes in free trade England, in the protectionist United States and elsewhere.

The greatest need of plants or animals is for water. Plants and animals alike take their nutriment greatly diluted in water, and of course only such food as is soluble in water. From 41.4 to 63 per cent of even the best fed animals is water. The principle fluid secretions and excretions of a cow, weighing 1000 lbs, in 24 hours amount in weight to over 302 lbs. Nearly 1-3 of the animal's weight is daily separated from the blood in the various digestive secretions (including saliva) and excretion of waste material.

## COSY CORNER.

Lovely little wraps for the baby carriage are made of two pieces of flannel, one for inside, of blue, and one of white, pink the edges of both. If the blue is to serve for the outside, put a pretty design in outline stitch on it, and then catch the blue and white together with a row of feather stitching about two inches from the edge. If you wish it to be still more ornamental, put a handsome bow of blue satin ribbon just above the embroidery.

**SPANISH BUN.**—One and one half cups of sugar, four eggs, leave out the whites of three for frosting, three quarters of a cup of butter, one cup milk, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of ginger, one half nutmeg, two cups of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in a flat tin. Take the whites of the three eggs and beat to a stiff froth, then add a cup of light brown sugar. While the cake is hot spread this over and return to the oven to brown.

Notwithstanding that the ice and snow have long since departed from our streets, it is noticeable that the young ladies of Halifax affectionately cling to their walking sticks. Not until the heat of the summer sun becomes oppressive, is there any hope of seeing them replaced by the dainty parasols, so decidedly in keeping with ladies' toilettes.

The latest vagary in fashion is to place the trimming of hats on the back, feathers, flowers, ribbons, etc., are now all in the back ground. Probably milliners think the sweet linings quite enough to attract attention without being surmounted by blush roses and poor little humming birds.

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