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WITH SUPPLEMENT.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JUNE 16, 1874.

Church Patronage.

The most ungodly acts have been perpetrated in the name of God, and the most irreligious customs fostered by religious organizations. Among the most shameful practices that ever sprang up in connection with any Church is that of buying and selling livings—putting up the pulpits of "the houses of God" at auction, the highest bidder taking the passage, the globe, the salary, and the souls of the congregation appertaining thereto. Leaving out the tortures inflicted for "heresy," and the massacres perpetrated "for the spreading of the Gospel," no more objectionable, shameless, and infidel-creating practices ever existed than has become general in the established churches of England and Scotland under the system of patronage. Those livings in the gift of the Crown, church dignitaries and wealthy members of the aristocracy, when not given for political, personal or family reasons, for sale, frequently create scandal. Some of these describe the age and feebleness of the occupant, the lightness of the duties to be performed, and the quality of the fishing and shooting in the vicinity. It is not astonishing that political considerations, national self-interest, or common decency has not interfered to stop the churches from making so scandalous an exhibition of themselves. To do the politicians and the general public justice it must be said that the churches have never expressed any desire to be relieved of the cause of the scandal that attaches to them. The evil has become so great, however, that the politicians are unable to wink at it any longer.

Following the English custom of beginning reforms as far from the centre of the evil as possible, a Government bill has been laid before the House of Lords providing that the presentation by private patrons to benefices in the Church of Scotland shall cease, that patronage rights shall be conferred at one year's purchase, and that henceforward ministers shall be elected by the male occupants in each congregation, subject to such rules as the General Assembly may lay down. This much-needed reform will be followed up by a similar one in the Church of England, so that the disgrace of having Church livings around for sale may be wiped out. The cause of Christ may survive the scandal, even though it should not be stopped, but the Church of England can't.

"Reasons of State."

The "reasons of state," in consideration of which the Premier was excused from informing Parliament of the nature of the instructions given to Mr. Edgar, envoy to the Government of British Columbia for the negotiation of a new agreement in reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway, are now known. They were most excellent reasons—reasons that fully justified the Premier in refusing to give the asked-for information. It must have been exceedingly embarrassing, in fact, to the Premier and his assistant Ministers, to have had the nature of those instructions disclosed by his confidential clerk like Norris, as it is shown by official correspondence that has been published since the return of Mr. Edgar from his unsuccessful mission that the Premier's instructions to Mr. Edgar gave the lie direct to the Premier's statements in Parliament. It is shown that, while the Premier declared in his place in Parliament that the Pacific Railway would not be commenced during the present year, his confidential agent, who confesses to having been in receipt of other instructions by his superior, made the following written proposition to Attorney General Wilkeson of Columbia:

The Government is prepared to make new stipulations, and to enter into additional obligations of a definite character, for the benefit of the Province. They propose to commence construction from Esquimaux to Vancouver immediately, and to push that portion of railway on to completion, with the utmost vigor, and in the shortest practicable time.

Mr. Mackenzie's "reasons of state" were weighty indeed, and no one will wonder at his refusal to reveal the game of organized hypocrisy he was playing.

The suspension of Opposition Journals by the MacMahon Government will do it harm instead of good, and the suspended journals will gain in additional popularity more than they lose on account of the suspension. The act is a confession of weakness, and it is calculated to give strength, cohesion and boldness to the several factions opposed to the Government. If the Government policy will not stand a full discussion it should be abandoned.

Boston's New Project.

The great price for which Montreal, New York and Boston have been contending is the grain trade of the North West. Montreal has taken a large share of this trade from New York, and there is every prospect of her share becoming larger at an early day. New York is alarmed, and is devising all sorts of schemes for the defeat of the ambitious plans of the enterprising Canadian. The Ottawa Government, impelled by some incomprehensible motive, seems desirous of aiding New York in every possible way, and has agreed to spend several millions on a canal, the principal benefit of which will be derived by the New York grain merchants. If the necessity of keeping up the United States revenue to its present standard does not compel the Washington Government to refuse the proffered Reciprocity Treaty there will be joy in New York and Boston over the bright prospects opened up to them by it.

Boston is alive to the importance of availing itself of the advantages to be derived from the proposed treaty, and has already engaged in the discussion of a new railway route from Lake Superior to Boston. The name of the projected route is the Ottawa and Atlantic, and it is to go by the way of the Hoosac Tunnel, Ottawa, and Georgian Bay, a distance of 714 miles. It is believed that this route will be 254 miles shorter than that between New York and Chicago. The railways already built, and those projected and subsidized by the Dominion, are to be used for this route, Boston only requiring to construct sixty miles. "All this is required," says the Boston Post, "is a demonstration of interest from Boston in the sixty miles of road on this side of the St. Lawrence River, to decide whether it shall bring the grain freights of the Northwest through the Caughnawaga Canal and the Tunnel to this port." The Ottawa Government obligingly binds itself in the Reciprocity Treaty offered to the U. S. Senate, to make this Caughnawaga Canal all that is required for facilitating American transit schemes. "Reciprocity," says the Post, "cooperates powerfully as an argument to advance an enterprise of this character." Yes, certainly, such unreciprocal Reciprocity as the Government of Canada offers.

Sneak Thief Norris.

A fellow feeling makes the editor of the Montreal Herald wondrous kind to Sneak Thief Norris, the man who made copies of his employer's private papers and sold them to the Grip editors of Ontario to be used for political purposes. The Herald defends Norris, and justifies his appointment to an office by the Dominion Government. Well, as the editor of the Herald made use of a letter obtained by another Sneak Thief, and has been made a Senator, he could not easily go back on Norris.

But why is it that the St. John organ that makes boast of its slavishness and prides itself on its obsequiousness, goes so far as to find fault with a brother organ for having disapproved of that useless, corruption-breeding, money-wasting Military College scheme that the Premier made Militia Minister Ross the mover of—why is it that this organ has not defended the appointment of Sneak Thief Norris to a confidential position in the public service?

The proposition of M. Paul de Casagrande, editor of the Paris Post, that himself and nine of his assistant editors should fight M. Gambetta and nine Bonapartist Deputies, is the best one that has yet been made in France. The only thing that dampens our pleasure at the news, and lessens our joy over the certainty of the acceptance of the proposition, is the recollection of the comparatively few fatalities that attend French duels.

The talented editor of the Standard, Adam Smith, Esq., declares that "evil communications corrupt constitutions," thereby likening constitutions to good manners. Are the evil communications alluded to those that are sent to the newspapers by anonymous correspondents?

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Shipping Notes.

Vessel Sold.—Brig Ann of Matiland, was sold at public auction at St. Thomas prior to May 29, at about \$700.

Repairing.—The brig Morning has been on the dock at New York for metalting and general repairs. Ship William has also been on for examination, and brig Alice Woods to coal tar.

Long Voyages.—It reminds us of the westward voyagers of a half century ago to read of the present numerous lengthy Atlantic passages. The Irene, of St. John, N. B., from London, made the voyage in eighty days. The shades of Columbus and Nonotus must envy our modern navigators.—H. Chronicle.

Barb Danvers. Purdy, master from Port Royal, S. C., for London, had discharged her cargo at Bermuda, June 4th, and was waiting to go on Marine Hill to be stripped and caulked.

The bark Lady of Lake, at Providence, 6th Inst., from Swansea, reports having spoken bark Mary Stewart, 26th ult. in lat. 42 10, long. 65 50, from New York for Queenstown, and was supplied with provisions by her. The latter has arrived at Queenstown.

New Yachts.—A splendid new ship arrived in port Friday morning from Moncton where she was built. She is called the Minnie H. Gerow, after the wife of Mr. J. W. Gerow. The dimensions of the vessel are: length of keel 138 ft., depth of hold 24 ft., and breadth of beam 35 feet. She has not been measured yet, but will probably register 1200 or 1400 tons, and is classed for 8 years in French Lloyd's Masses G. W. Gerow and Jeremiah Travis are the owners. The building of the vessel was superintended by Mr. Thomas Morgan of the town of Portland.

She has not been chartered yet, but her owners will accept a charter to Liverpool.

Mr. Gains Turner is about commencing a 1000 ton ship at Harvey Bank, Albert County.

Friday evening an accident occurred on Summer street, Portland, which has resulted fatally. Several boys, among whom were Fred Allan, son of Mr. Harris Allan, and Albert Goddard, were rehearsing a dramatic performance. In one scene, where a fight was supposed to take place between Goddard and Allan, the latter drew a dagger and the former produced a pistol that he had secured to give color to the proceedings. He had no idea that there was any cartridge in it, but, on snapping with the muzzle pointing toward Allan, it went off, and the bullet entered Allan's breast just above the heart.

Alta remained conscious for a time, and told Goddard that he forgave him, as it was an accident. The shot was heard outside the barn by Conductor Rennie, who went to see what it was. He at once called a physician and had the boy carried to his home in Wright street. Three doctors were unable to find the ball, and, a short time after the accident, the boy became unconscious. Next morning he was lying flat, but no hopes were entertained of his recovery, and he died at half past nine. Young Allan was about 14 years of age, a smart, intelligent lad, and a great favorite with his companions.

Wesleyan District Meeting. At the annual meeting of the Wesleyan ministers, preachers, and stewards of the St. John District, just closed at St. Stephen, E. Lockhart, Esq., of St. John, was elected to be the lay members representing this district in the general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, to be held in one of the chief towns of the Dominion in September next.

The reports, both financial and spiritual, presented to the district meeting from the circuits, were most all of an encouraging character.

On Thursday evening, at a special gathering, the young men of the St. Stephen Wesleyan Church presented the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Clark, A. M., with an affectionate and flattering address, accompanied by a beautiful silver vase, engraved with his name, &c., are engraved. Mr. Clark, whose impaired health renders his temporary retirement from labor necessary, was much affected by these unlooked for tokens of regard, and with deep emotion expressed his thanks.

The fresh and beautiful appearance of St. Stephen just now, and the hearty kindness of the friends whose hospitality they shared, have left most agreeable impressions on the minds of the ministers whose privilege it has been to attend at this year's gathering.

Almost Smothered. Night before last Boston lady retired to rest in the Victoria Hotel, blowing the gas out instead of turning it off. The smell of gas soon filled the house, and excited the snufflers of Mr. Edwards, who proceeded to search and finally found it to proceed from the room of the lady. The door was locked and the lady could not be aroused. So a boy was put through the window over the door, who unlocked the room. The woman was found insensible, and it took several hours to bring her to. In a very short time she would have been dead.

The Sessions of Westmorland have decided to enlarge the court house of the county.

Brevitas

The following gentlemen were elected trustees of St. Stephen's Church at a meeting of the congregation Wednesday evening: Geo. McLeod, John McMillan, A. C. Smith, James L. Dunn and Robert Thompson, Esqs.

"Harmony" is the name of a temperance base ball club recently organized in Portland.

The granite pedestal of the three lamps at Rock's Point has been surrounded by an iron railing. This will prevent boys climbing up to the lamps.

A rattlesnake enclosed in a box in the Eastern Express Office has been examined by a large number of persons the last two days. It is intended for a gentleman in Yarmouth who intends cultivating the reptile and adding rattling reptiles to the natural products of the Province.

The Park Hotel has lately been much improved in appearance. A veranda, surrounded by a neat iron railing, is the latest improvement. Though the railing does not look like an iron fence round a cemetery lot, the occupants of the house always manage to be jolly.

"Open wide the doors of the school houses," cries Squire Smith in the Standard. No, thank you, not while the weather keeps so very cold.

The following have been elected to represent the Father Mathew Association at the Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, which opens in St. Stephen on the 30th inst.: Messrs. E. J. Duffy, R. J. Ritchie, R. O'Brien, J. J. Kane, C. McGourty, J. O'Keefe and John Allan.

Enough of the evidence in the York Point tragedy has been published to show that no facts known before were elicited. There was a strong desire on the part of all the witnesses to shield the accused, some terribly hard swearing being indulged in. The verdict was "willful murder" against Jeremiah Lenthall. He is still at large.

Alexander Brayley and the Logan crew of Portland intended entering for the Regatta in Boston harbor on the fourth of July. Brayley enters for the single scull race, and the Logan crew, lately reorganized, for the four-oared race.

George Raddock, who, it will be remembered, was injured last December by falling on a gas burner while decorating St. Luke's Church, Portland, for Christmas, died this morning. The doctors were unable to find a piece of the brass pipe which entered his side, and he has not since been out of his house. Mr. Raddock's death will be mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Ran Over. An old man, John Smith of Brussels street, was run over Thursday between 6 and 7 p. m. on Charlotte street. The carriage that knocked the man down was occupied by two young ladies, names unknown. The man is partially blind, which accounts for the accident. He was rather seriously cut about the head, and was taken to his home.

FACTS FOR THE "TIMES."

Lesson for the Day: The Gospel according to Thaddeus Stevens. There was a man born in Harvey, which is a town in Illinois, whose name was Thaddeus and that man was neither perfect nor upright.

He was a vain man much given to dissensions and strife, and to working mischief generally.

Now his own country he found no rest for the sole of his foot; they would have some of him, nor of his works, nor of his teachings.

Therefore he removed himself unto a far country, even unto Moncton, that fair and goodly city whose fame has gone abroad unto distant lands—yes, even unto Halifax.

And therein he established a small colony, which same was very feeble and of no account, but which same drew its sustenance from the bosom of a very good and singularly pious Government.

And after a period he found him rest and food and goodly raiment.

Being like unto the lean kine of Pharaoh which devoured every thing, but still it profited him not, he waxed not fat; "And he asked for more."

"And behold a certain man in authority whose name was Abner took compass on him, made him unto him a gift of office, made him unto the likeness of a Gauger, a myrmidon of the Excise.

Now the burdens and duties of this office no man knew, neither Thaddeus himself nor any other man.

It agreed marvelously well with him, inasmuch as he loathed not, neither did he spin, but the stipend thereof drew he regularly and invested in land and houses.

But to and behold after a certain time he forgot the benefactor of his needy days, Abner, and turned him unto the rising sun—which his name was Smith—not John—and said unto him: "I'll cleave so long as it profits me and no longer. "Doth Thaddeus serve for naught?"

Now this was the faith professed by this man:

He inclined always unto the side on which, in the language of profane men, there is "straw."

And he follows the multitude to do evil; And abouted lustily Jay, you; and Nay, say; hitherver proffered his yes; and satith in council with vain persons, and dissemblers;

And seeketh to uphold ungodly and corrupt rulers, crying out, Cast ye your little papers for our men, for they are the elect.

But the people hearken not unto him, nor say he is a blind guide and not a man, nor his writings, nor his words, nor anything that is his, but well elect good men and true whose names are

McKenzie and Hicks, Hanington and Lanley.

And they did thus, and these are the names of the chosen.

Thus ended the first chapter of Thaddeus.

Westmorland, June 12.

A Word for an Organ.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

The Tribune newspaper has been daily issuing to the people of this County all kinds of extracts, articles and editorials, whether true or false, whether enlightened or semi-civilized countries, to arouse a feeling of intolerance among the Catholics neighbors, which all honest men are fast coming to the conclusion they should assist to put down. Is this cry necessary? Are Protestants so weak in New Brunswick that they have to call in such aid, or would any act of men of any Government that could be formed dare to act in opposition to the wishes of the people in this great educational matter, and will not the question admit of reasoning without so much personal abuse, rant and bigotry as has appeared in the Government Press for the last four weeks, and should not the editor of the Tribune be the last person in the world to raise this issue after the position he assumed in the Dominion elections, supporting, as he did (as soon as he found they were likely to be the strongest) the Mackenzie Grit Party which, while in opposition, voted in favor of the famous Costigan resolutions to deprive us of our Constitutional rights and entail separate schools upon us forever, and advised the people of Charlotte to vote for Gilmour, a separate school man, as he did for McKenzie? How beautifully this same editor could now make it appear that Hanington might do things while in opposition to embarrass the Government which, if in power, he would not do unless it was the well understood wishes of the people! Is it at all strange after all this that a sneer should rise on the lip of every honest man when the Tribune newspaper is named, or can words be found strong enough to express utterance of such hypocrisy and baseness, ready to shift with every change? And if it was probable that the Local Government would be upset, is there any doubt which side this newspaper would be on, as it must have the pickings whatever party is in power and run as they try to accomplish his purpose and the purposes of the party that pays him!

Yours, A PROTESTANT.

Westmorland, June 12, 1874.

A Few Questions.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

It is true that there is \$25,000 of the public money unaccounted for, and that Mr. King has promised that it shall be made all right next winter?

Do you not believe that if \$25,000 is unaccounted for on the eve of a general election, and is paid over by the public, that double the amount will be so at the end of another year?

Is this the reason the Government will do so much to prevent any able men being elected in opposition, and who so far as an opposition is concerned, to the return of Mr. Hanington in this County?

Has not the result of last sitting of the Dominion Parliament shown us that if we had not had a few able men in Opposition from the Lower Provinces, we would have been saddled with all the exorbitant taxes first imposed?

Then will not the people rally to the support of the opposition in this County and if they cannot remove the present corrupt Government at least place a check upon their reckless extravagance?

If this is not done what do you think Kelly's traveling expenses will be next year?

Some of the electors will doubtless be able to figure out (after the actual expenses are deducted on each trip in charges) how much was left for champagne, &c. Equivocal.

Westmorland, June 12, 1874.

Query.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

Will the Times please inform its readers the exact date at which the brains of its Editor were transferred from their former position to the head of the Black-and-Tan pup, so beautifully and sympathetically described in the last issue of this hilling paper? Was it, or was it not, about the same time that it attempted to speak at Lantz Mountain?

Yours, &c., Krr.

The following are the full returns from Gloucester: Burns, 1,185; Blanchard, 863; McLean, 203; Turgeon, 488.

A fire occurred at St. George, Thursday, in Messrs. Gilmour & Hibbard's lumber yard. The loss was about \$5000.

Michael Maloney, a sneak thief, who was sent to the Halifax city prison on Tuesday, died suddenly Wednesday morning, while putting on his clothes.

A man named George Hartin, aged about 45, hanged himself by the neck in the Alpine Mills at La Have, on Sunday, while suffering from delirium tremens.

The Rev. Mr. Bars, Baptist clergyman at Moncton, was presented with \$70 by his friends, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Bars has secured a vacation for a few weeks.

The trial of William and Ellen Cheney, of Grand Manan, for abasing their child, a girl 9 years of age, resulted in a verdict of guilty, and the culprits were sentenced to two years each in the penitentiary.