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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Turner's Falls (Mass.) Reporter, speaking of things in general in Canada, says: "The theory of free trade is very charming in the minds of anti-decliners, and they harp on buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest until they become delirious with the intoxication of mental monotony and dance at the grave of well paid labor. The protection party is building up factories which employ the people that would otherwise go away, and the money that these earn, or rather, as some merchants, among professional men, and all tradesmen, and even the farmer begins to see that he is not obliged to send his produce to a distant market, at great expense, when others that produce not from soil are to be fed."

The Hawke eye of the *Transcript* sees further than the average mortal. That journal says: [Special] "The commercial union view is [speaking of the Dominion]. It is, it is. But like the tide wave in your own Petition, it has got to be a 'bore' to the people."

Judge Fraser at Fredericton, on Friday, fixed the date of trial of election petition against Mr. Emmerson, of Westmorland, for Nov. 8th, same as in petition against Mr. Wood. Orders were also made for personal examinations of both Mr. Wood and Mr. Emmerson in the usual way, details as to examiners and dates to be settled by the parties concerned.

Mr. Malcol Craig, in the *Forum* for September, opposes the idea of the equality of sexes. She says:

"Nature herself said her face against it by the inherent desire planted in most women's breasts to look up to some greater than themselves, physically and mentally; to worship, to adore, to adore, whom they can rely without any sense of inferiority. Not merely to love, but to worship, to make herself a part of his, to ready to live for him or die for him, and merge her own identity completely in his. I think, in the instinct of woman, it is nature; and nature, may allow, is occasionally right."

If this is nature, then now much must be done of joint in the present day. If men are sensible they will allow the matter to work itself out and not try to force it. The world is full of men with the sad experience of trying to make "made" of women. They found out that "made" was foolish. It is only intense hatred of the male sex that would cause us to on destruction with such an idea. Let men beware. Wipe your feet on the scrapers before entering your home and not on your wives if you desire security of life and limb and happiness in the household.

The rules of the St. John Typographical Union provide that members shall not work in offices where "news plate material" is used. This matter is used in the *Saturday Gazette* which is printed in the St. John office, and when the "forms" containing a quantity of plate material arrived at that office on Friday the pressmen refused to work. In this refusal they were supported by the compositors, and all hands went out on strike. The *Sun* is being published as usual, but with less reading matter. The printers have the general condemnation of the press in their action. They are called narrow-minded and despotic.

While it is a bad policy to confine the effects of new inventions, there are cases where the invention of certain laborers are so injured by their unduly operation as to justify some hasty action of protection. Capital and superintendence take so much to themselves for their share in production that they leave very little for the laborer to go and come on. His wages are sunk to the minimum, because the laws of distribution are regulated by his employers and not by any scientific ascertainment of the just proportion that should be allotted to labor for its work in production. Therefore labor seeks to become organized for its own protection, not always on a basis of right and justice, but by uniting the labor element to control the market, and be able to make arrangements with their employers more advantageous to themselves and suitable to their intelligence and social condition. Anything that threatens the just remuneration of their labor they are naturally jealous of and seek to take action against. In this they are encouraged by the example of manufacturers and large employers who fly to the legislature for a high duty to protect their products from foreign competition. The printers of St. John were threatened not only with having their wages lowered but in many cases the introduction of plate material. Their labor was being injured by a cheap process from a foreign country. They were not in a position to seek the aid of the government for a sufficiently high protective duty and were compelled to depend on their own ingenuity to discover the best means of getting out of the difficulty. Therefore they struck, and their action is not to be too severely criticized by those who claim the principal benefits of protection to be the providing of sufficient work to keep our own people in the country. Where we consider the printers wrong is in their misjudgment of the probable effects of plate material in the newspaper business. The results, we think, of its introduction would be to make possible the establishment of more daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country, and therefore of equalizing the work of compositors and pressmen. Its effects in the end would be like that of the sewing machine or any other new appliance that tends to cheapen products.

The Scott case has stood more on constitutional grounds than any other statute that the Parliament of Canada has had to do with, and that it has stood them so well may be taken as an indication that it will equally well withstand the assaults of the future. Just now it is being subjected to a new ordeal, the legality of the machinery for its enforcement, instituted by the local Government being called into question. Argument on this point is postponed for some months. Another point has also been raised, an early decision on which is expected, viz.: Whether in the repeal and re-enactment of the statutes when they were revised last year, Parliament did not abrogate the Scott act wherever it was in force. As the same point, however, has already been decided in New Brunswick, and in favor of the act, it is not thought that the Ontario courts will come to a different conclusion.—*Ex.*

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DALHOUSIE, SEPT. 17, '87.
Having this evening arrived at this pleasant little town of Dalhousie, I propose to furnish the readers of the *Advocate* with a few notes of travel, taken in Bathurst and while driving by the highroad from that town to this place. In general the crops are reported as being very good throughout Gloucester and the lower portion of the County of Restigouche. The season throughout this section of country has been a very dry one, being in direct contrast to that of Northumberland, where the season was wet. The effects of this season have been seen in the crops, which are reported as being very good throughout Gloucester and the lower portion of the County of Restigouche. The season throughout this section of country has been a very dry one, being in direct contrast to that of Northumberland, where the season was wet. The effects of this season have been seen in the crops, which are reported as being very good throughout Gloucester and the lower portion of the County of Restigouche.

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Business as a general thing is reported as having been dull throughout the season, but with the abundant crops all over the country things should become somewhat more lively until the close of navigation. The fishing season has also been dull, but very few mackerel having struck into the bay. Lobsters have also turned out a very short crop for the season. A demand is already springing up for the potatoes to supply the American and Ontario markets, the crop in any portion of these places having been injured by the drought which prevailed there.

On Wednesday and Thursday last the case of George A. Vye vs. Alex. E. Alexander, both of Campbellton, for libel occupied the attention of the Circuit Court. Mr. Hanington, with Mr. Adams as attorney, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Weldon and Mr. Desbrisay (attorney) for the defendant. Suit was brought because of a communication the defendant had published in the *Transcript* at the time of the snow blockade last winter charging the restaurant keeper at Campbellton (Mr. Vye) with making extortionate charges of the emigrants who were delayed there and taking money from them for meals which were to be paid for by the Government. Mr. Alexander denied the charge absolutely.

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