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SPECIAL OF THE YEAR.

The Dinner. New York. - Articles of agreement signed today by James Mitchell for a six-month boxing contest.

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British Trade Holding its Own.

(Boston Herald) For months our Republican contemporaries have been exulting over the increase in the foreign trade of the United Kingdom.

To listen to them, you would get the impression that the British trade returns for eleven months of the year had just come to hand, and that they were a record.

No doubt the returns for the present year compare unfavorably with those of last year, both in the total values handled and in the exports of British goods.

But it must be remembered that on both points the foreign commerce of the United Kingdom reached in 1890 the highest level yet attained.

This level was not only unexcelled, it was unusual, the preparation for the McKinley tariff in this country and the expansion of the American credit preceding the British collapse gave a great impetus to the British trade.

The removal of the stimulus has evidently been followed by a reaction.

But if you put aside the exceptional developments of last year, and compare the returns of 1891 with those for the corresponding months of 1890, you find that the present year bears the comparison very well.

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THE STATE OF OUR PORT.

When Oboloff after he killed his wife, is disarmed by Montano, he exclaims pathetically:

"I am not valiant either."

But every paper whistler can say as much.

Oboloff deceived, befuddled and tempted by a villain still thought that he might claim to be a valiant soldier, and was claiming too much credit for himself.

Something like this feeling will be experienced by the people of St. John when they read an interview with Mr. Timmerman, which is published in another part of this paper.

The people of this city have been under the delusion that they might not have facilities for any other kind of trade it was still able to ship deals.

If Mr. Timmerman's remarks are not revised, it appears that we have not facilities even for the shipment of deals.

In consequence of this, deals must go to Boston or Portland from the upper provinces.

We do not know what our citizens will be disposed to say to this statement.

Some of them may question its possibility it may be affirmed that Mr. Timmerman is speaking of a matter in regard to which he is not well informed.

Yet the fact remains that deals from the upper provinces are sent over the Canadian Pacific Railway to Boston for shipment, and that the excuse given is that St. John has no facilities for handling them.

We commend this matter to the attention of our Board of Trade and our Common Council.

We ask them to pronounce upon the justice of the verdict pronounced by Mr. Timmerman.

Something cannot be done to improve the position of this port. Let us, if possible, get at the root of the difficulty in regard to our business, and then we will be in a position to apply a remedy.

As matters are now we do not appear to know what is required; everything is at sea.

The Canadian Pacific Railway people claim that they cannot build wharves here until the title of the property, which is vested in them, is settled.

The one great fact which every one can see is that St. John is being left behind in the race for a better port.

There is not getting any new trade, and even the shipment of deals has become a business which is thought to be beyond our capacity to undertake.

CONCERNING ELECTION PETITIONS.

We have little or no experience in election petitions in the city and county of St. John.

In these constituencies, after the fight is over, people are not allowed to enter into a crusade against the successful candidate on the ground that he has been guilty of bribery through himself or his agent.

A good deal is said about the election having been gained by corrupt means and this kind of thing may be kept up for a week or more after the election, but so far as there has been no election petition tried in the city or county of St. John, since the election law was passed.

On the whole it seems to be a reasonable decision on the part of our people. It may be assumed that at elections both sides will use all the money and influence they can command to win the contest, and this statement applies not to St. John alone but to every constituency in Canada.

After the unsuccessful candidate has expended a thousand dollars in endeavoring to purchase his way into a constituency, it seems rather absurd that he should be allowed to enter into a crusade against the successful candidate and seek to unseat him for bribery.

That is why the provision in the provincial election act was inserted, requiring the petitioner to show that he had come into court with clean hands.

This provision was much discussed at the time and Mr. Blair received a vast amount of abuse for it, but it cannot be denied that it rests on a sound principle.

The dominant election law is so constructed, that a very slight thing is sufficient to unseat a sitting member.

In Halifax, for instance, the sitting members were unseated because a man in the public hospital was driven to the polls to vote for Messrs. Kenney and Stairs in a conveyance hired by their agents.

Everyone knows that the polls were held at the time and Mr. Blair unseated two men who were elected by more than a thousand majority on such a trivial case as this.

It would seem that in this election law might very properly be changed or else it should be enforced so strongly that persons infringing it in the smallest detail shall be themselves punished criminally for a breach of it.

As the law stands it is quite possible for a person who is hostile to a candidate to add his vote to his own by bribing a person to purchase a vote on his behalf.

This is proved by the unseating of Mr. Dickie, who was the country at the time of the election, and did not authorize anyone to act in his name; yet he was unseated because a man was paid to vote for him by an agent, whom he had never seen and whom he did not expect to act for him.

There are some of the honors of the election law as at present constituted. No one can deny that bribery is a monstrous evil which ought to be put down with the utmost vigor, but it does not appear that the present system of working the election law is calculated to accomplish this.

The only person who ought to be made to suffer from a seat in voided for bribery, the means spirited creature who sells his vote and who afterwards gives information for the purpose of unseating the man for whom he has voted ought to be dealt with in some way.

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