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## Poetry.

HUSH!

I can scarcely hear she murmured,  
For my heart beats loud and fast,  
But surely in the far, far distance,  
I can hear a sound at last.  
It is only the reapers singing,  
As they carry home their sheaves;  
And the evening breeze has risen,  
And rustles the dying leaves.  
Listen! there are voices talking,  
Calmly still she strove to speak,  
Yet her voice grew weak and trembling,  
And she flushed in her cheek.  
It is only the children playing  
Below, now their work is done,  
And they laugh that their eyes are daz-  
zled  
By the rays of the setting sun."  
Fainter grew her voice and weaker,  
As with an anxious eye she cried,  
"Down the avenue of chestnuts,  
I can hear a horseman ride."  
It is only the deer that were feeding  
In the herd on the clover grass,  
They were startled and fled to the thicket  
As they saw the reapers pass."

Now the night arose in silence,  
Birds lay in their leafy nest,  
And the deer couched in their forest  
And the children were at rest:  
There was only a sound of weeping  
From watchers around a bed,  
But rest to the weary spirit,  
Peace to the quiet dead.

## Miscellany.

N. W. England must lose the honor of being  
the first inventor of wooden hams. The Chi-  
nese over six hundred years ago, in their com-  
mercial intercourse, made "wooden hams,"  
which being covered with log skin and smoked,  
rendered it impossible to detect the cheat  
except by the use of a knife.

A nugget of gold worth \$9,000 was recently  
mined out of the bowels of the earth in  
New South Wales. It was found near a spot  
where three weeks before a lump of the mis-  
terious value of \$6,000 was "recovered" to the  
searchers. Let us go to New South Wales.

The first locomotive used in New England  
was recently in the shop of the Portland and  
Kennebec Railroad, in Augusta, being repaired  
for the dummy train to Gardiner. The ma-  
chine was built in Liverpool for the Boston  
and Worcester railroad, and was the first one  
used on the road. Its former name was the  
"Lion" nicknamed the "Brookline."

The full force of Colt's Army at Hart-  
ford is now engaged on the contract to furnish  
the Russian Government with thirty thousand  
Berdan rifles, and upon the one hundred Gat-  
ling guns ordered. The army is now en-  
larged.

During the past three months there have  
been 150,000 new rifles sent from Providence  
R. I. to Europe. Over 5,000 have also been  
sent to Cuba, and 6,000 muzzle loaders, trans-  
ported to breech loading, shipped to Mexico.

Among the recent English patents we no-  
tice one upon an invention which consists in  
saturating lace, hemp, or other fiber woven into  
a canvas cloth, or in its manufactured state,  
with gutta percha in soft or liquid state, and  
pressing layers of such saturated fiber or can-  
vas cloth together while warm, so as to form  
a tough fabric of any required thickness, which  
may be used for the soles and heels of boots  
and shoes and for other purposes.

RAILROAD GRADES.—From various ex-  
periments upon the friction of cars upon rail-  
roads, it appears that the angle of repose is  
about 1-250th, but that in descending grades  
much steeper the velocity due to the accel-  
erating force of gravity soon attains its greatest  
limit, and remains constant during the remain-  
der of the descent, owing to the resistance of  
the air. From calculation and experiment it  
appears that heavy trains may descend a  
grade of 1-100th without attaining a greater  
speed than about 40 or 50 miles per hour,  
by allowing them to run freely without apply-  
ing the brake to check the speed.

Captain Doud has run away from Wood-  
stock, Ill., leaving Mrs. Doud and the little  
Douds, in the company of Ada Fellows.—  
When a fellow designs to misbehave himself,  
he can always find some woman to Ada Fel-  
lows designs.

A Berkshire girl says the Boston Post,  
walked 14 miles through the snow the other  
day to marry a young man who couldn't come  
to her house for fear of a six shooter which  
the stern parent carried.

## THE HOWE CORRESPONDENCE.

(PRIVATE.)

OTTAWA, October, 6th, 1868.

MY DEAR MR. HOWE.—Now that the Leg-  
islature of Nova Scotia has been prorogued,  
and the exciting discussions on Constitutional  
questions for a time ended, I think the time  
has come when I can again ask your aid and  
influence in endeavoring to allay the feeling  
that unhappily exists in Nova Scotia, and to  
give the Union Act a fair trial.

For that purpose, I desire to repeat, short-  
ly, the material portions of the statement that  
the Committee of the Convention, of which  
you were chairman, were kind enough to allow  
Sir George Cartier and myself to make.

In the first place I will say, on behalf of the  
late Province of Canada, that in the question  
of Union we acted in good faith. The Dele-  
gations from the several Provinces were ap-  
pointed by their respective Governments, and  
we had reason to believe that the Government  
of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as fully  
represented their people as the Canadian Gov-  
ernment did.

I regret extremely the present unfortunate  
state of affairs, and my colleagues and myself  
are prepared to do all that we can to put an  
end to it.

By the despatch of the Duke of Bucking-  
ham to Lord Monck, of 4th June, last, in an-  
swer to the Address of your House of Assem-  
bly, the Governor General and his advisers  
are precluded from entering upon the consid-  
eration of the repeal of the Act of Union.

His Grace declares that the measure is not  
only conducive to the strength and welfare of  
the Provinces concerned, but important to  
the interests of the whole Empire, and states  
that the Queen's Government feel that they  
would not be warranted in advising this reversal  
of the great measure of State.

He, however, draws the attention of Lord  
Monck and his Government to the points raised  
in the Address relative to taxation, the regu-  
lation of Trade and the Fisheries; and he  
expresses a confidence (which I am sure is  
well founded), that it will be the care and wish  
of that Government, and of the Parliament  
of the Dominion, to relate or modify any arrange-  
ments on those subjects which may prejudice  
the peculiar interests of Nova Scotia and the  
Maritime portion of the Dominion.

On this point I can only repeat what I stated  
before the Committee that the Canadian Gov-  
ernment is not only ready but anxious to  
enter upon a frank and full discussion of those  
points, and are prepared, in case the pressure  
of taxation should be shown to be unequal or  
unjust to Nova Scotia, to relieve that pres-  
sure by every means in their power. They are  
also ready to discuss any financial or com-  
mercial question that may be raised by the  
Nova Scotia Government or ourselves, and the  
representatives of Nova Scotia in the Parlia-  
ment of the Dominion.

You may remember that I suggested to the  
Committee that Mr. Annand, the Finance  
Minister of the Province, or any other gentle-  
man or gentlemen selected for the purpose,  
should visit Ottawa and sit down with the  
Finance Minister here, for the purpose of  
discussing whether any inequality or injustice  
exists, the extent of such inequality, and the  
best remedy. And I now reiterate the assur-  
ance that I then gave, that the Government  
will consider this question not in a rigid,  
but in the most liberal spirit, with a desire  
to do even more than justice for the sake of  
securing the co-operation of the people of  
Nova Scotia in working the new Constitution.  
We will enter upon this enquiry whenever it  
suits your convenience, and the Canadian Gov-  
ernment engage to press upon Parliament  
with all the influence they possess, the legis-  
lation required to carry out any financial re-  
adjustment that may be agreed upon.

I am aware that even if the Union Act were  
accepted, objections are taken by leading poli-  
ticians in Nova Scotia to some of its constitu-  
tional (and not financial) provisions.

Now the Constitution is a new one, and, to  
a considerable degree, experimental, but it  
seems to me that it should have a fair trial  
before we pronounce it so defective as to call for  
immediate alteration—still, that is altogether a  
matter of opinion.

The proper, indeed the only place for dis-  
cussing any such changes is in the Parliament  
of the Dominion, and the able men who rep-  
resent Nova Scotia will have the full opportu-  
nity of pressing their views in their places  
there.

It is so obviously the interest of the Gov-  
ernment and Parliament of the Dominion that the  
Union should work satisfactorily, that the  
Nova Scotia representatives will not well as-  
sured of every suggestion of theirs being fully  
represented in the Government of the Dominion,  
and by the position of isolation assumed  
by yourself and your co-representatives in the  
Parliament here. Questions of the gravest  
importance in the Administration of affairs are  
continually arising, in which Nova Scotia  
should have a potential voice—and I may in-  
stance the rights of our Fishermen, the sub-  
ject of Reciprocity, and other matters of im-  
portant equal importance.

The Canadian Government, I see by the  
anti Union papers, are charged with an unwise  
administration of public affairs, so far as Nova  
Scotia is concerned. All that I can say is,  
that we act according to the best information  
that we can obtain, and that if mistakes are  
made the fault is not ours.

I have already invited you to give us your  
aid and advice as a Minister, and regret ex-  
tremely that you do not see your way to tak-  
ing that position.

I trust that you may be able to do so—the  
sooner the better. Meanwhile, why do you,  
and those who act with you, not pursue a course  
similar to that of O'Connell? He was sin-  
cerely desirous of effecting the repeal of the  
Union between England and Ireland, and, as  
you know, spared no effort for that purpose.  
But he did not stand aloof in Parliament. On  
the contrary, while still preserving his opinions  
as to repeal, he gave a general support to the  
administration of the day, and thereby secured  
for himself a potential voice in the Adminis-  
tration of Irish affairs. At present matters stand  
thus: The Canadian Government must either  
act without advice from Nova Scotia—which  
is of course inadvisable—or consult with those  
who, it is stated, have not the confidence of  
the people, which continues the irritation now  
existing.

Let me urge upon you to put an end to this  
unfortunate state of things. In the hope that  
this might soon be the case, the Canadian Gov-  
ernment has, as much as possible, without in-  
jury to the public interest, postponed filing up  
the more important affairs connected with  
Nova Scotia, and will continue to do so, al-  
though these delays are made causes of attack  
upon us for the neglect of our duties.

I write with the approbation and con-  
currence of my colleagues, and this letter, al-  
though marked "private," and not to be used as an  
official document, can be shown by you to any  
friends that you think proper.

Believe me, &c., &c.

(Signed)  
JOHN A. MACDONALD,  
THE HON. JOSEPH HOWE.

HALIFAX, 21st Oct. 1868.

MY DEAR SIR JOHN.—Your letter of the  
6th inst. reached me a few days ago. I at  
once informed Mr. Annand of its arrival, but  
did not ask him to read it, or to compromise  
himself or his colleagues by taking part in the  
Correspondence. The Members of the Local  
Government and Legislature have already, as  
you are aware, re-assessed their determination  
to obtain the Repeal of the British North  
American Act, and have sent forward their  
Resolutions and Minute of Council. They  
are hopeful that the new Parliament will do  
Nova Scotia no substantial justice than the  
old, and when the Elections are over, may  
despatch another Petition and Delegation to  
England. Heavily desiring, as I do, the  
Repeal of the Act, I must confess that I  
am less sanguine. I used to have that in a  
case involving vested interest. Constitutional  
rights, and great sums of money, British  
State-men and Legislators would do justice  
through the House of Commons. With deep  
sorrow and a sense of humiliation, not easily  
described, I am now compelled to acknowledge  
that I have cherished a delusion.

Whether it be that the British Ministers  
yield to the representations of the Governor  
General and to the paramount influence of  
Canada, or sincerely believe that the interests  
of the Empire are in some mysterious way,  
which I cannot discover, bound up with this  
Confederation; or whether, as I shrewdly  
suspect, the men who represent the Railway  
and Financial interests to be affected by this  
measure, dominate and control both Houses, I  
apprehend that unless some marvellous change  
is wrought by the new Constitutions, we shall  
have as little chance of obtaining justice from  
the new Parliament as we had from the last.

My friends here are more hopeful, and I  
shall be delighted should they make a fresh  
appeal, to find that I have been mistaken.

A new House of Commons may take a  
more enlightened view of the subject, but Mr.  
Gladstone, who will be the leader, if there is a  
Liberal win, has twice spoken and voted  
against us. As matters stand, then, we have  
not a very cheerful outlook, nor are the reme-  
dies, which are now freely talked of all over  
this once loyal Province, pleasant to contem-  
plate. I have for months set my face steadily  
against revolutionary movements, annexation  
battles, or open resistance to the law, but I  
will not disguise from you, that it may be very  
difficult to stem the tide of public opinion  
that a rejection of enquiry by a new Parlia-  
ment may set in motion, unless in the mean-  
time some large and substantial measure of  
reparation and justice is offered by the Gov-  
ernment of the Dominion.

Holding these opinions and foreseeing the  
dangers to be encountered, I am content to  
take the risk of this correspondence, of which  
I am quite aware that persons in the position  
of Sir John will entirely disapprove.

I have shown your letter to a few judicious  
friends here, and shall show it to others, in-  
cluding, of course, the Members of the House

of Commons as they come up to town; and  
I intend to make no secret of the fact that  
such a Correspondence is going on. I am  
asked every day if I have taken office, or  
"accepted the situation," as the phrase goes.  
My answer is that I have accepted nothing,  
but recognizing the obligation imposed by the  
Imperial upon the Canadian Government, I  
mean to discuss the whole subject with them  
in a frank and earnest manner. Some of my  
friends here are apprehensive that the fact of  
such a correspondence going on, will weaken  
their chance of getting it repealed from the new  
House of Commons. If I thought so I would  
break it off to-morrow; but, as it must close  
before the time arrives for making that  
appeal, I am content to continue it, in the be-  
lief that no harm and some good will arise  
out of a free interchange of our opinions.

Whether we remain united, or ultimately  
separate, it is of the utmost consequence that  
the feelings of exasperation which recent events  
provoked among the people of British  
America, should be allayed. The arrogant,  
petulant and hasty manner in which this mea-  
sure was, from the first, forced upon our peo-  
ple, aroused their passions. The visit of the  
Canadian Ministers here was the first move-  
ment in the right direction, and in your letter  
of the 6th inst. I recognize a spirit of fairness,  
which I am prompt to acknowledge.

From the first we were much alarmed by  
the Financial aspects of the scheme, your as-  
surance that these shall be revised, and sub-  
stantial justice done is very satisfactory. Mr.  
Annand cannot go to Ottawa, so, to be able  
to arrive at common conclusions by a  
simpler method, Mr. McLellan has already  
sent to Mr. Rose the substance of a speech  
which he delivered in the House of Commons  
last session. Enclosed you will find copies of  
a speech made by Mr. Annand.

Glancing over those papers you will per-  
ceive that, if not Confederated, Nova Scotia  
could have met all her obligations, and, under  
the old tariff, have had a small surplus in the  
Treasury. That by imposing one percent  
upon imports, we could have raised money  
enough to keep up our roads and bridges, now  
left almost without any provision though our  
tariff has been raised to fifteen percent, and  
sundry direct taxes have been imposed. It  
appears to me that the claim for \$3,000,000  
on account of our public works is a fair one,  
to say nothing of another heretofore based upon  
the proportion of our annual consumption per head  
and that of your people. I do not wish to  
trouble you with many figures, or to involve  
you in financial discussions which can be more  
easily conducted by others, but I may observe  
that we ought not to be charged interest on  
\$622,458 of Province Notes circulated and  
sustained for years on the public credit. Will  
you be good enough to ask Mr. Rose or Mr.  
Longton to examine Mr. Annand's speech and  
Mr. McLellan's signature, and inform me if the  
calculations are accurate or to what extent  
they agree with them. If there is a per-  
centage to be added to the account let it be sent down.

As this letter is already so long, I may per-  
haps trouble you with another, on the con-  
stitutional aspects of the question. I quite re-  
cognize the narrow limits to which you are  
confined by the Duke of Buckingham's de-  
patch, but we both know that the Colonial Of-  
fice would sanction, and Parliament approve  
of any changes whose experience might sug-  
gest, and I would rather discuss these with  
you in a friendly way now, because I fear that  
without the approval of the Government, I  
would have but a small chance to win favor  
for them in the House of Commons.

I note what you say in reference to my tak-  
ing office, and to the example of O'Connell.—  
My position is certainly not a very profitable,  
or a very enviable one, but I prefer to hold it  
just now. I have been driven into it by a  
sense of duty and by the force of circumstances,  
which I could not control. The responsibilities  
resting on me are not light, and I can only  
rely on myself, by maintaining for the present  
a position of personal independence.

As regards the present Government of the  
Dominion I did not last winter factiously op-  
pose them. Should I go to Ottawa again, (re-  
serving the question of Repeal, if there is a  
chance in our favor) my action would be gov-  
erned by yours. If you do justice I will give  
you credit for it.

The choice of the route for the Intercolonial  
Railroad meets my entire approval, and if you  
can place our commercial relations with the  
United States on a satisfactory footing, either  
by treaty or reciprocal legislation, and ar-  
range the financial aspects of the question  
equally, I think I may safely say that the  
gentleman who may go from Nova Scotia to  
Ottawa, would be justified in giving a fair  
support to your Government.

Believe me,  
My dear Sir John,  
Yours very truly,  
(Signed) JOSEPH HOWE.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD,  
&c., &c., &c.

Little girls believe in the man in the moon;  
big girls believe in a man in the honeymoon.

## Pressure and Temperature.

In his new work on the Richards indicator,  
recently published in London, Mr. C. T. Por-  
ter makes the following pertinent remarks con-  
cerning the English and American standards  
of pressure and temperature. Mr. Porter  
says:

For scientific purposes, however, it is neces-  
sary that an exact pressure should be fixed  
upon as constituting an atmosphere, and the  
scientific world have agreed to employ for this  
purpose the French measure of a column of  
mercury 760 millimeters in height, at the tem-  
perature of 0° centigrade, or 32° Fahr.;  
which is, indeed, as nearly as possible the  
mean atmospheric pressure.

This pressure cannot be accurately expressed  
in English measurement, but only approxi-  
mately by the use of decimals, 760 millime-  
ters being 29.9218004 inches of mercury,  
equal to a pressure on the square inch of 14.7  
lb. per sq. in., very nearly.

It is common to say that an atmosphere is  
15 lbs. on the square inch, or 30 inches of  
mercury, and in the Royal Arsenal of Eng-  
land, at Waltham, the steam engines are all  
provided with mercenary vacuum gauges, gra-  
duated in inches of mercury, and also in pounds  
on the square inch, each pound coinciding with  
an even number on the scale of inches.

This is shamefully rude, the pressure of 15  
lbs. on the square inch being equal to that of  
a column of mercury 30.562 inches in height.  
It is tolerably exact to say that 1 lb. on the  
square inch is equal to 2.04 inches of mercury,  
but it is a pity that we cannot employ in popu-  
lar use a measure which, on account of its  
simplicity and convenience, men of science  
have everywhere adopted.

This remark applies also, and with even  
greater force, to the thermometer. In the  
centigrade scale, the freezing point—or the  
temperature at which, under the pressure of  
760 millimeters of mercury at 0° water  
pass a from the fluid into the solid state—is  
taken as 0, and the boiling point, or the tem-  
perature at which under the same pressure  
water passes most rapidly from the fluid into  
the gaseous state, or the highest temperature  
to which under this pressure it can be raised,  
is taken as 100, and the interval is divided  
in 100 equal parts, whence the name sig-  
nifying 100 steps. In contrast with this philo-  
sophical and simple measure is the Fahr-  
enheit scale, which begins in a blunder, and ends  
in a blunder. At 32° below the freezing point  
is the lowest degree of cold that Fahrenheit  
himself was able to produce, he, in the true  
spirit of speculative reasoning, concluded that  
of course it was the lowest degree of cold that  
Almighty power could produce, and assumed  
it as the absolute zero. We wonder how it  
was possible he could have been so ignorant,  
of common actual temperatures, but doubtless  
we ourselves hold for facts some notions in-  
volving a degree of ignorance which will  
hereafter be wondered at quite as much. The  
freezing and boiling points, 32° and 212° of  
the Fahrenheit scale, originally inexact enough  
have been made to coincide with the 0° and  
100° of the centigrade scale, so that to re-  
duce degrees of the latter to those of the for-  
mer we have only to multiply them by 18 and  
add 32. If the Fahrenheit scale could be at  
once abolished and the centigrade scale sub-  
stituted in its place, we should be rid of an  
arbitrary nuisance, which is already being  
banished from the domain of science, and is a  
dead impediment to popular scientific advance-  
ment.—[Engineering.]

[Mr. Porter's remarks are equally applic-  
able in this country, where the English stand-  
ards are used.—Eds. Am. Arisan.]

"How do you like the look of the farm?"  
asked an Arkansas of a Dovercaster who was  
gazing with distended eyes at an alligator with  
open jaws on the bank of the Mississippi.  
"Well," responded the Yankee, recovering his  
mental equilibrium, "he ain't what you'd call a  
hunk-me-eater, but he's a deal of openness in  
his countenance when he snails."

Gen. Rawlins recently dined with a man  
who partook of wine rather freely, and became  
talkative. Finally the latter speaking of some-  
body, "O, that fellow, he can't write a  
book!" "Your enemy," said Rawlins, point-  
ing to the bottle, "don't write books."

A married man in New Hampshire has ad-  
opted an original method of economy. One  
morning recently, when he knew his wife was  
in bed, he kissed the servant girl. Two  
household expenses were instantly reduced  
of \$200 per year.

The recent marriage at Buffalo of Mr. Dev-  
ils and Miss Duman resulted after a week's  
honeymoon in the Devil's departure, with  
\$350 belonging to the bride, who is left dis-  
solute, and spending her time in repeating her  
maiden name.

Come, Bridget, get up! Here it is Monday  
morning, to-morrow's Tuesday, next day is  
Wednesday,—half the week gone and nothing  
done yet!

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Sacks Coarse Salt.  
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