



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF JABEZ SNOWBALL WHO IS DEAD IN THIS COUNTY.

SPIRIT OF LATEST DESPATCHES.

Mr. T. B. Hannington has been appointed census commissioner for New Brunswick.
The discussion over the Government contract still continues with its usual fire.

WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT OF BUILDING THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

With so many published opinions respecting the Government Railway Policy, it is hard for those who have not settled convictions, to make up their minds which side is right and which is wrong.
In law what plea so tainted and corrupt...

SAID THE WORTHLESS DUTCH SOLDIER: 'IF I CAN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE, I CAN BE A DESERTER.'

IT IS THE SAME WITH SNOWBALL.

PROFESSOR HIND AND HON. PETER MITCHELL.

Those who have read the Star lately, have our opinion about Prof. Hind, and it is not necessary we should state it again.
We dealt at much length with this subject when other Provincial papers gave it a mere passing notice...

WHAT WILL FLOW FROM THE NEW ROAD.

Supposing our readers will follow us beyond the Rubicon while we make a few calculations. Suppose we set the population of the Dominion down at 4,000,000.
Early next spring the New Syndicate will go to work, and within five years a railway will run through our best lands to the base of the Rocky Mountains.

For \$22,000,000; and remember the cry of the demagogue may make about the Government, "squandering three million acres of land, and three million dollars" is not an easy one to silence.

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French settlers finding so many of their own race in the Dominion flock in in goodly numbers, and we need not think the Dutch who have shown some enterprise in the way of roving wild-slight us either. Let us then reduce our reasoning down to a smaller compass. Let us suppose...

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Sir,—In your paper today under the head of "The Hind charges," you quote an extract of the Toronto "Globe," in which it gives as a motive for shielding Sir Albert J. Smith, a desire to protect some one nearer home, and while you state that "it is somewhat difficult to understand what our contemporary refers to," you also state that you "have seen a statement made in some quarters, that if any errors or frauds were committed, the fault was due to the Hon. Peter Mitchell, formerly Minister of Marine and Fisheries, under whose administration of the department it is said that the case for Canada was prepared." I may state that I have never seen such a reference made to me, though such doubtless has been the case as you state it, and I would feel much obliged if you could furnish me with a copy of the document, and you may rest assured I will reply to it.

As to the facts of the case, they are simple these: You are justified in saying that I prepared the case which was substantially the one upon which the award was obtained, and for which Sir Albert was rewarded by his "sovereign." I am responsible for the official reports of the Department up to the 30th of June, 1872. From that date to the present I have been responsible for the reports of the Department, and I have not been in the least interested in the raising of the Hind charges, and that fraudulent returns were submitted to the Minister having charge of the Department, Sir Albert J. Smith, for the purpose of such award. I do not believe such a statement to be true, and I am in a position to verify or contradict the statement, not in any part of my duty to do so, as the professor and statistician were submitted by the Minister, and I have not been in the least interested in the raising of the Hind charges, and that fraudulent returns were submitted to the Minister having charge of the Department, Sir Albert J. Smith, for the purpose of such award.

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The Thames has risen on the Surrey or south side to a height of ten feet, flooding the entire districts. Houses have been invaded by water to such an extent that they are rendered uninhabitable.
Hundreds of people have been made homeless. Great damage has been done to the poorer sort of houses and there is danger of some of them being totally destroyed or so badly injured as to make them unfit to live in after the water subsides. The people are taking refuge on the roofs and are in momentary terror lest their lives should become a prey to the rising water.

A number of barges have been sunk in the Thames and several lives lost. The record of casualties cannot fail to be fearful, and it is probable that a great many will be found to have been drowned. [The storm has subsided now and the danger is past. Ed.]

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A LETTER FROM Mr. T. CRIMMEX.

To the Editor of the Star.

Sir,—On taking up the Advance today I was a little surprised to find that, despite the pressure on its columns of the report of the great debate on the Syndicate, annual school meetings and County Council reports, the pugnacious editor of that redoubtable sheet could devote nearly a column of his space to undiluted Billingsgate, and scurrilous abuse of your very humble servant. I never expected such an honor, and hereby tender sincere thanks to the editor for his gratuitous advertisement. I might rest content with the honors poured on me, if it were not for the mean and false and unfounded insinuations in which, true to his nature, the editor indulges. I must therefore crave your permission to place before the public a plain statement of facts.

After the regular business of the late school meeting was disposed of, I made a few remarks about a proposal for amalgamating the three districts of the town, which proposal had been placed before the trustees by the Inspector, by order of the Board of Education. In doing so, I stated incidentally that the report of the trustees which appeared in the Advance had in my opinion done injustice to the Inspector. My reference to that paper consisted simply in that, and these few words form the text for nearly a column of puerile and slanderous abuse. The editor was present and "meek as a sucking dove," merely asked what paper I referred to. I told him, and gave the reasons for my statement. A charge had been made against the Inspector, had been repelled, and was withdrawn. This amongst gentlemen should have ended the matter. But some one had been guilty of at least a breach of good manners, and the editor makes a simple explanation an attack on the respectable (?) press.

In his report of the meeting this champion of RESPECTABILITY states that I said the Inspector apologized. Now I never said this. I said that he explained he never had the intention imputed to him. Will this "respectable" editor apologize for the misstatement, or must we, to use his own elegant language, classify him as "mediculous"? His personal insinuations I can pass over as pointless. The statement that I am a sub rosa correspondent displays the true reason of his unprovoked attack. This statement is false. The only correspondence I have with the newspapers consists in supplying them when requested, with statistics of trade, etc. Except these I have never directly or indirectly been implicated in any newspaper correspondence during the past three years. In this connection I may mention that time and again, and often at considerable personal inconvenience, I have provided these returns for the Advance. Will the editor prove his insinuations, or will he apologize for the slander?

The reference to a "respectable" paper is to say the least, unhappy. Politics, unfortunately, give rise to bad feeling, mutual reproaches, ill neighbourhood and ill will. Never, however, in the history of this county was more ill feeling engendered or more personal strife caused, than in the last Dominion election. The cause of this can easily be traced by unprejudiced persons to the "Gospel of envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness," preached by the Advance, from its advent to its last uncalculated attack on your humble servant. The question of the union of the districts is a comprehensive one, and can best be discussed without reference to such a humble individual as I, or even to such a respectable person as the editor of the Advance. It affects the ratemakers of the town, and can best be left to their judgment. If the expectation of \$500 a year is my motive, I can only say that I will not take it till it is earned, and hope never to receive pay for services I never intend to perform. That "Respectable" journalism consists in personal vituperation, is another apothegm evolved from the editor of the Advance and borne out by the practice of that journal. R-greeting that I have occupied so much of your valuable space with a matter that cannot be of great public importance, I remain, Yours, THOS. CRIMMEX.

CHATHAM MARKETS.

Corrected and revised for the Star. Flour, best brands Spring Extra... \$ 6 10 Higher Brands... \$ 5 50 Corn Meal, per bbl... 3 40 Oat Meal (Canada)... 6 00 do. (home made)... 5 00 Beef, Mess, per bbl... 14 00 Prime Mess, do... 12 00 Pork, Mess, do... 20 00 Prime Mess, do... 17 00 Pork Hams (cured) per lb... 12 Home Made do... 11 Fresh Pork... 12 Salt Pork, per lb... 11 Salt Beef, do... 10 Butter (firkin), per lb... 22 Butter (in roll), do... 20 Eggs, per doz... 25 Cabbage, per doz... 20 Salmon (in case)... 12 Lobster do... 20 Oysters do... 2 00 Oysters (Harrington's best) p. bbl From other sources... 1 00 Mackerel (fresh) per doz... 30 Mackerel (salt)... 25 Codfish (dried), per lb... 24 Potatoes, per bbl... 60 Carrots, per bush... 50 Turnips... 40 Fresh Beef, per lb... 05 Mutton, per lb... 05 Lamb (good), per lb... 08

WE HAVE NOW BE MOURNING FOR HIM TY-ONE DAYS.

LOCAL MATTER.

Closed. The County Council closed today.

Personal. Inspector Venning will be here Tuesday.

Snowball Couplet. It pays me better to sell my Than to waste my time for the weal.

Coincidence. The M.P. for East North Ont. is dead. The M.P. for thumberland, N.B., is also dead.

Good Farming. Mr. John Coleman took 14 of potatoes and 175 tons of season from 15 acres of land.

A Call for Tenders. In another column we published for tenders for the construction of foot paths to the St. J. office.

Bathurst Ratifies the Syndicate. The Bathurst County Council passed a unanimous resolution of the Upper Syndicate. When Mr. Gloucester member of that for Gloucester!

Fatty Spits. The action of the Council in fixing the price of the disputed county paid by Mr. A. Davidson was not small. It is surmised that the chill and his confederates were setting instance of others. If that be so surely not very creditable.

Sudden Death. Mr. Lawrence Gaynor of Gloucester suddenly at his residence yesterday caught cold a few days previous hauling hay from his meadow ceased came from Ireland some ago and was about 65 years.

A Supper. Mr. Warden Brown gave an supper to the Councilors and several gentlemen—and others—at the Hotel Thursday evening. Speeches made by several present, and pleasant evening was passed. Mr. Meakin an excellent and a dignified.

Caution. I hereby caution any person using my name in any way in connection with a certain little scandal that has been the rounds of Chatham on the last 4. Should I obtain proof of any parties I will speedily bring them to the justice T. B. Cotterill. Rooms opp. M.P. Chatham 22 January 1881.—adv.

Incorrect. The Star says it learns from the Gazette that the Freemasons of Chatham will hold a Carnival there on We did state that the Free will hold a Social there to-morrow a Carnival.—Advocate.

A "Carnival" is a feast or meeting; "Social" is used in the Advocate uses it is slang. It has no such use. Has the critic "ever heard of the letter being lit?"

Our Smelt Trade. If smelt are slack from now closing of the season, we hope Government will extend the time this seems to be the wish too of our seer-wise and inspector Venning's prices are good now, thanks to shipping; and the prospects for continuance of good markets are encouraging—so our shippers, who adopting a proper mode of shipping maintained paying prices, ought able to pay our poor fisherman a able prices, and no doubt they will.

A Query. It is hardly fair to a conceited vote bearer now a days to state w politics are.—Star.

Then how was it that our country paraded the politics of the holders of the Chatham Gas Co.—Advocate.

Because when we wrote the it had not concluded that the stock were "unconscious" vote that. That was as plain as a pike.

Things in brief. We learn from the Advocate, That Rev. Mr. Parnell delivered a perance lecture to a large audience Newcastle last Friday evening; and Mr. Parnell is a forcible and speaker; also.

That the 6th January instanc made the occasion of a most happy pleasant union of the Jersey men different establishments of the day being the centenary of the of Jersey. Guns were fired during day, with outside illuminations after and at the supper in the evening usual toasts were given and respond all uniting in congratulating them on the issue of the battle on which French invaders were completely ed, and that through the fruits of brilliant victory won by their one hundred years ago, they were day able to enjoy their ancient law privileges under the benign rule Queen Victoria. That.

Messrs Geo. Ingraham and Brown have received the contract erect two range of buildings on Island, and on Fox Island; and the Hon. Mr. Ferguson having regulated, takes his seat in the Senate.

STAR BRIEFS.

We regret to see the New Gl. Plain Dealer allowing "original po in its columns. We say this because the Plain Dealer is one of the conducted papers in Nova Scotia.