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BALLOONING THE PUBLIC.

A year or two since one of the features of an exhibition held in Fredericton, was an advertised balloon ascension, to take place at a certain hour in the afternoon. Large crowds of people were drawn together mostly to witness this wonderful spectacle. After waiting for hours all were kindly informed that a big hole had by some means got into the balloon, so that the gas would not hold on, even if the balloon did. And so it was generally concluded that the whole thing was a "fake." And it is to be hoped that the forthcoming exhibition will keep clear of those enterprising individuals who come from abroad to pull the public, or rather make professions under false pretensions. This same balloon dodge was executed in St. John at the exhibition there this week. On Tuesday it was announced that a balloon would be let off from the exhibition grounds at a certain hour in the afternoon, and thither thousands of people proceeded to view the wonder. Everybody was upon the tip toe of expectation when the hour arrived, but no balloon started skyward. The reason given for failure in keeping the appointment was deficiency of gas—enough could not be got to get in fast enough for a full inflation. And so the crowd hung on until dark, several hours, while the fog enveloped the place in dripping clouds. If all balloons are as backward as this one was in getting its supply then a more satisfactory account of the habits of such animals has yet to be written; but we rather think that if business of the right kind was meant gas would have been let on early enough in the morning for the balloon to have kept its appointment. About 5 o'clock, three hours after time, his majesty began to rise, but he should go too far a stout cord was tied to the car and fastened on the ground. It mounted perhaps fifty or maybe one hundred feet, when the presiding genius in the car threw out a number of dodgers for the multitude to scramble after—some of those dodgers were fastened to a bottle of whiskey—so that said balloon was virtually a whiskey advertisement for some Montreal establishment. If the executive committee of the St. John Exhibition had no better way of drawing a crowd, then, although some of said committee are well known temperance men, after this they must admit that whiskey after all is a good thing in its way, especially in raising funds for exhibition purposes. But then those great public enterprises in St. John are generally managed by the "Boys."

LIBERALS AND TORIES.

We see that the House of Commons voted themselves \$500 additional to their sessional allowance, and the motion was supported equally by the opposition, led by Messrs Cartwright, Laurier and Mills, each of whom spoke in its favor. Although the session has been open out to undue length owing to the "boodling investigations" prosecuted by the opposition it is wound up in a boodling sort of way with the concurrence of said opposition—why? because self interest and their pockets were paramount to the interests of the public for which they had all along been contending—or might be not, say their own individual interests, for had they succeeded in upsetting the government they would have gone in and received the benefits in fat salaries offices. Had Messrs Laurier, Cartwright and Mills been poor men, there might have been some excuse for them. Not so. But far worse and beyond all other thoughts, the example set by their leaders must have a pernicious effect upon men of infirm minds and crooked desires. The act in itself is like opening the doors to future attacks upon the treasury, when members think they have claims upon its contents, and it is enough to stagger the public confidence in the dispositions of those who it was felt along had the best interests of the country at heart. By whatever party name known—Liberals or Conservatives—it would seem that they are but men after all, weak men at that, No. 1 being the greatest figure in their arithmetic. And it now becomes a question from this little episode, whether the outs are more to be trusted than the ins, if they had the same favorable opportunities to feather their nests at the public expense.

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