

BAYONET RULE.

Many centuries before the christians... Pharaohs of Egypt ruled the Israelites with the strong arm of physical power...

New York, July 13.

A letter Shanghai, of May 26, states that the frigate Shanandoah, which had been on a cruise the coast of Corea, in search of survivors of the American schr. Gen Sherman, had ascertained the fact that the schooner had been attacked, had returned the fire, was then assailed and blown up, every one on board being killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.

Admiral Hastings, commanding the English squadron of the Pacific, disapproves of the proceedings of Commander Bridg, of the Chanticleer, in the affair at Matatlan, and has ordered him to re-open that port immediately, and proceed to Panama.

Correspondence.

For the Free Press.

MR. EDITOR—

Dear Sir—In 1863, immediately after the formation of the Tupper administration, that scrupulous government inaugurated the system and, I believe, acted upon the principle, in almost every county in Nova Scotia, of dismissing from office all public officials who opposed the Tupper party at the preceding election.

There are several officials in this county who voted for the Confederate party in September last—some of them, indeed, engaged actively in the canvass—riding day and night through the remote settlements, disseminating Confederation falsehoods, distributing Confederation tracts and urging Confederation upon all who would take it with them.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think, and so do a majority of the Anti-confederates in this county, that such offices as are under the control of our Local Government, if there be any such, should be filled by Anti-confederates. I perceive by the last Royal Gazette that the Local Government has appointed a new Registrar of Deeds and Probates in Shelburne County; and it has also appointed a new Judge of Probate for the County of Antigonish in place of the former incumbent.

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Yours Truly,

FAIRFLAX.

Annapolis, July 13, 1868.

THUNDER STORM IN CAPE BRETON.

TWO WOMEN AND ONE MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

A correspondent writing from Sydney communicates the following particulars of a tremendous thunder storm, which occurred in Cape Breton, on Sunday night last: Sunday was delightfully fine, and the weather extremely warm. Towards evening the heaven became darkened, and gave appearance of a heavy storm brewing.

At about eight o'clock, the storm commenced, and was without doubt, the most frightful, but yet most grand, convulsion of the heavens I have ever witnessed and which I hope never to behold again.

At a trial of reaping machines of the world, which took place on Saturday at Berlin, the English reapers were decided to be superior to those of America, and took the International Prize.

London, July 12. The latest despatches received from Madrid state that Don Antonio, the Duke de Montpensier, had been arrested and taken to the Frontier. The Generals who were recently arrested for political causes, have been sent in banishment to the Canary Islands.

TWADDLE EXPOSED.

Some of the papers that are in the pay and interest of the powers at Ottawa, are endeavoring to show that Nova Scotia, connected with the United States, would be less favorably situated than she is under the Dominion of Canada. Although at present we have no special desire to live under the "stars and stripes," we would prefer becoming a State of the Union than to remain as we are—a degraded appendage to Canada!

Another fact urged upon our attention by the Union Press, is, the subjugation of the revolted States in the neighboring Republic. It is therefore alleged that Mr. Adderly has a precedent for his menace to keep us the vassals of Canada by the potency of the bayonet.

The Toronto Globe says: "A general order will appear in to-morrow's Gazette, authorizing the Militia force of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to proceed to their annual drill at once if they choose to do so. It is not made compulsory, as the first Militia Bill does not go into operation till the first October next."

We have no hesitation in saying that the Government of this glorious Dominion already shirks its duty knowing its own weakness. Why should not the men of Nova Scotia be called upon to prepare themselves to defend Canada, if Canada be their country? It is because the Ottawa authorities are afraid to place the match to the inflammable materials they have so carefully piled up.

It would not, perhaps, be wise to discourage the statesmen who rule us even by silence, so that we fairly tell them that with the help of two or three regiments of regulars they might be able to turn out the militia of the Metropolitan County. We trust they will try to do so in order to show that they are not utterly powerless.

As a matter of course we counsel submission to all the laws, but we fear that public opinion would condemn as cowardly and traitorous that country which would send its militia into the field at the bidding of the Ottawa authorities. Such public opinion might be erroneous, but holding in remembrance the occurrences of the past three years, we are not prepared to condemn it.

It is, however, a matter about which the people of Nova Scotia should be congratulated. They are subject to the rule of a Government which allows them to obey or disobey one of its important laws as they please. They may drill or not drill as they please—be militia men or not, just as their own sweet will dictates.—Chronicle.

The Gazette of Wednesday 8th inst. contains the following appointments:—Francis Homer to be Registrar of Deeds and Probates for the district of Barrington, in place of Thomas Crowell deceased; John B. Dickie to be Custos Rotulorum for the County of Colchester, in place of David V. Crowe, deceased; Alex. McIntosh to be Judge of Probate for the County of Antigonish, in place of John T. Robinson; Daniel Moore, of Kentville, and Joseph Northup and Peter Ross, of Halifax, to be Commissioners for appointing amount for railway damages in the County of Kings.

Every one who has walked the business streets has seen how the day is regarded, and if open stores are a sign of dissatisfaction, then the dissatisfaction is very wide spread. It is evident that the people will not keep holiday against their will or inclination, or convenience, and it is not very wise in the General Government and the Local Government to force them to a display of their real sentiments.

The Canadian papers are very much annoyed because our local Government refused to pay any attention to the Governor General's proclamation of "Dominion Day." They will ere long have further substantial proof of how little we respect the Governor General and his Dominion. They should not grieve for trifles.—Eastern Chronicle.

The Geological survey of New Brunswick has commenced. Professor Bailey and Mr. Matthew are at work to the Westward of St. John City, and Mr. Robb, (brother of Dr. Robb) has his headquarters at Fredericton, and is making explorations on the river above that place.

There has been a trial in London involving the question of perfection in a machine by which one hundred dozen of champagne a day can be turned out at the cost of an equal amount of ginger-beer. The champagne is made by a recipe in which several kinds of wine and sugar appear.

Mrs. J. A. Grant has placed in the market an article in the shape of a Hair Restorer, which can be relied on.

DOCTOR TUPPER.

Four years ago Nova Scotia was one of Great Britain's most loyal and prosperous colonies. Its people were contented and happy. They lived under a constitution which secured to them the control of their own affairs. There was not a freer people, nor a more favored country under the sun.

Such was the state of the country in 1864; but how is it in 1868?—All has changed. The loyalty of the people is shaken. Our prosperity is on the decline. The constitution, which we loved, is destroyed. Our liberties are taken away, and a foreign colony has possession of our revenues. The people are discontented, and are intensely agitated in a struggle for the recovery of their lost liberties.

To what are we indebted for this change—this great calamity brought upon Nova Scotia? Every body knows that our present unhappy condition is attributable to Tupper's ambition. When he obtained power, compared with some other countries, Nova Scotia was an earthly Paradise; and she has transformed it into a land of direful discontent. Let him contemplate with complacency, if he can, the ruin he has wrought. Milton describes Satan as exulting with malignant joy when man's Eden was destroyed. Is Tupper like him?

The Halifax Express remarks:—"It is a noticeable fact that the country papers in Nova Scotia are far more violent on the Royal question than the organs of public opinion published in the large commercial centres, such as Halifax."

The statement contained in the above extract is untrue. The leading organs of public opinion published in Halifax, such as the Chronicle, the Citizen and the Recorder, are always to the fore upon the Royal question; and if we except the Colonist, there is no organ of the Canadian party issued in the metropolis which ever finds its way to the mass of the people outside of "the large commercial centre," Halifax. See 1 sheet as the Express, the Reporter and the Unionist only reach an extremely limited portion of the people who compose our provincial community; and they exercise about as much influence in moulding public opinion in Nova Scotia as does the Man in the Moon in directing and guiding the evolutions and movements of planetary bodies in the solar system.

The Express also alludes to our remarks last week in reference to the grand celebration of Dominion Day in Annapolis; and intimates that we are "hankering for the office of the Judge of Probates. If we were 'hankering' for office we should turn our eyes in another direction; we would not descend to such 'small game.' There are several offices, which may be found to be in the gift of the Local Government, which are much more desirable so far as the amount of the emoluments is concerned, that would suit us much better. For instance, the Secretary of Board of Statistics, of marriages, births and deaths.

The Express further says:—"It will certainly be a novelty to find a public officer dismissed for flying the British flag."

We are not aware that we said anything about a public officer flying a British flag. The editor forgets that it might have been the un-British Beaver that was flying from the flag staff of the Judge of Probate, so far as he got his information from us; but whether the revolutionary Beaver or the flag of England was hoisted on the occasion it was equally an insult to the people of Nova Scotia, and reminded them, with equal force of their degradation and of the galling chains which have been thrown around them by infamous traitors, the dust of whose feet the Express is paid to lick.

New PAPER.—We have received the first number of the "North Star," a weekly newspaper just started at Charlottetown, P. E. Island. It bids fair to take a respectable position in the Journalism of these maritime provinces:—If its Editor is as worthy a character as was the man of "Ross," described by Pope, he will enjoy upon the people of P. E. Island to eschew all connexion with Canada. The North Star is on our list of exchanges.

Of late we have had some some unusual hot weather, accompanied by timely showers. Heat and moisture are essential to a vigorous vegetation in this climate of ours, and its effects upon our fields are delightfully apparent. The despondency that prevailed a few weeks ago with regard to the coming harvest, has been succeeded by a hopeful anticipation of autumnal abundance.

Adderly's speech that occupies other columns, will cause intense popular indignation and disgust in every part of the Province. There is scarcely a falsehood, uttered by Dr. Tupper in reference to Confederation, which he has not repeated. If he be a fair sample of British statesmen—and, thank God! he is not—the glories of the fatherland will soon pass away. With such drivers about the Throne, the nation is in danger.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government by and with the advice of the Executive Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

In the County of Shelburne: To be Registrar of Deeds and Probates for the District of Barrington, Francis Homer in the place of Thomas Crowell, deceased.

In the County of Digby: To be Commissioners for rebuilding Joggins Bridge.—R. S. Fairbank and Abraham Gault.

In the County of Colchester: To be Custos Rotulorum, John B. Dickie, Esq. in the place of V. Crowe, Esq., deceased.

In the County of Antigonish: To be Judge of Probate, Alexander McIntosh, Esq. in the place of John T. Robinson.

In the County of Hants: To be Commissioners for appointing assessment for Railway damages, Daniel Moore of Kentville; Peter Ross and Joseph Northup of Halifax.

Over Mont Denis by rail must be quite a new sensation. You travel at twenty miles an hour at places where you can look down 2,000 feet—only a foot of masonry intervening between the line and yourself.

REMARKABLE STORM.

For a week the weather has been exceedingly hot, and on Tuesday evening, soon after dark, the lightning began to play along the horizon, and gradually increased in vividness during the night. At sunrise the low mutterings of distant thunder were heard in the northwest. At 9 o'clock a portentous black cloud gathered overhead; and the lightnings, like fiery serpents, leaped from the cloud—the thunders roared—and the rain descended during the day in refreshing showers upon the parched earth. All day the electrical fire works of the sky were in active operation. As the shadows of evening gathered around us, the lightning became more intensely vivid—the thunder more appalling, and all night long the fire storm in the sky was sublimely grand, accompanied by a copious rain. It was the most protracted thunder storm we ever knew.

The Hon. Reverend John Johnson, now Acting Minister to the Court of Great Britain, will sail from the port of Baltimore on the 1st of August. Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and her son "Addie" will be among the passengers. She will be under Mr. Johnson's protection to Liverpool, where she will meet her friends.

R. B. R. THE TRUE ANTIDOTE.

The seeds of Fever are sown at this season. Counteract the malaria that produces them, with this most potent, yet harmless, of anti-febrile preparations, Radway's Ready Relief. Health for the Summer and Fall may be secured by taking it now. It is better to anticipate disease than to fight it down when it has seized upon the system.

The Montreal Gazette of 4th inst. states that it is rumored that a dispatch has been sent by the Hon. James Macdonald to the Imperial authorities, respecting the route selected for the Intercolonial Railway, but no announcement will be made until the location is approved by Her Majesty's advisers.

Fifteen years ago a man left Gardiner, Me., to try his fortunes in China. He had \$800, which he invested in horse lots about a mile from the centre of the city. To-day that same property would sell at auction for \$260,000. The spare change he got from a retailing law put into house lots, and then into a banking house, and now pays a tax on \$3,000,000.

A picnic party of Americans crossed over Suspension Bridge last week to the Canada side, and three of their number in registering their names at a hotel added the word "Fenian." These three were immediately arrested and placed in durance vile.

On Friday afternoon, while two young men named Kennedy and Sullivan were out in a sail-boat, it was run into and upset by the sloop Water Lily. Sullivan succeeded in getting on board the schooner, but Kennedy was drowned. He belonged to Dartmouth.—Colonist.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday, a man named William McDonald was killed near Lockhartville. It appears that the deceased was driving his team loaded with singles, and in attempting to reach the top of the lead, he fell, and the wheels passed over him.—Acadian.

A WONDERFUL MARRIAGE.—Notwithstanding it has never had the advantage of newspaper publicity, it has yet acquired a higher and more extended popularity than any other singular compound. We refer to Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.

Notwithstanding the great variety of Pills heretofore in the market, a want has been very generally felt for a safe and perfectly reliable purgative medicine. Such a remedy is now supplied in Parson's Purgative Pills.

The agricultural prospects of Ireland are good at present. Accusals of corn, rye, and barley are most encouraging.—Oats, wheat, and barley promise well; and grass will, it is expected, be a heavy crop.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—The Rev. George Adams's reply to W. P. Horner came too late for this week's issue: it will appear in our next.—"Prina" is received and is under consideration.

We learn by telegram that the Delegate has arrived at Halifax. The Hon. Mr. Troop is to be home to-morrow.

A man named George Dixon, belonging to P. E. Island, was robbed of \$150 on Tuesday night week in Hamon's stable, St. John, N. B.

Did. In this Town on Sunday last, Theresa, relict of the late Mr. John Hicks, aged 64 years.

New Advertisements

CARRIAGE HARDWARE. 2 CASH eagle carriage bolts, hickory bent self, hickory axle, hickory No 11, No 12, No 13, No 14, No 15, No 16, No 17, No 18, No 19, No 20, No 21, No 22, No 23, No 24, No 25, No 26, No 27, No 28, No 29, No 30, No 31, No 32, No 33, No 34, No 35, No 36, No 37, No 38, No 39, No 40, No 41, No 42, No 43, No 44, No 45, No 46, No 47, No 48, No 49, No 50, No 51, No 52, No 53, No 54, No 55, No 56, No 57, No 58, No 59, No 60, No 61, No 62, No 63, No 64, No 65, No 66, No 67, No 68, No 69, No 70, No 71, No 72, No 73, No 74, No 75, No 76, No 77, No 78, No 79, No 80, No 81, No 82, No 83, No 84, No 85, No 86, No 87, No 88, No 89, No 90, No 91, No 92, No 93, No 94, No 95, No 96, No 97, No 98, No 99, No 100.

HARDWARE. 1 CASH Griffin's horse nails, London patent self, all, cut nails, zinc, &c. &c., no landing. J. E. CHIPMAN & CO. July 16.

Blacksmiths. BLACKSMITHS. WANTED. TWO competent blacksmiths, who understand country work generally, are first class horse shodders. Liberal wages will be offered. Apply to J. E. CHIPMAN & CO. Middleton, July 16, 1868.

NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the firm of Pickels, Wylie & Co. have this day mutually agreed to dissolve partnership from this date. All outstanding bills will be settled by C. D. Pickels.

All parties whose bills or due will please have them cancelled without further notice. C. D. PICKELS. ROBERT WYLIE. Wm. W. McKENZIE.

Gravelly Ferry, July 16, 1868.