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The Evening Star.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.
FREDERICTON MAY 20 1880.

WANTED a dozen or so of newboys to sell the STAR, after school hours. Apply at the STAR office.

The readers of this journal are hereby informed, that Fredericton is the Capital of New Brunswick, and that York Point, and Marsh Bridge, and Reed's Castle, and MacEvoy's, and the old Bell Tower, and Partridge Island, all remain just as they were!

THE "SHIP SCUTTLE" CASE
—FIRST ACT ENDED.

On the 12th of March Captain Tower of the ship *Brothers Pride* was brought up before the Police Magistrate of St John to answer to an indictment in which were seven counts. The first was that he Tower had scuttled the vessel with intent to defraud certain underwriters, the second that he had feloniously scuttled the ship without alleged intent; the third that he had burnt the ship with intent to defraud, the fourth with feloniously burning the ship without alleged intention to defraud; the fifth acting with Howard C. Thomas with intent to defraud; the sixth the same without alleged intent; the seventh the joint charge with intent to defraud a single underwriter. In the first four counts Tower was charged as principal, as also in the sixth and seventh. In the fifth he was charged with acting in concert with Thomas. The grand jury found a true bill and the case came on before the circuit court on the 29th of March, Chief Justice Allan presiding. Since that date the disgraceful case has at times tired and at other times shocked the public ear. Tuesday night the jury retired and after a few hours' deliberation brought in a verdict of Guilty against Tower, with a recommendation to mercy. On this verdict a word further down.

We have many a time in our lives before heard of ships being scuttled and burnt at sea, by wicked captains acting as agents for dishonest owners; and many a time have we heard of bales of cotton turning out to be mere bundles of straw, and silks and satins the merest old rags to keep up an appearance of cargo to defraud insurance companies. If we are not mistaken we have read somewhere of a ship commanded by a vicious Captain leaving Oporto, laden down to the decks with wines that had lain in the cold cellars by the sea—it was said—for quarter of a century, and that some of the crew long out of grog on the way home tapped one of the casks but found the Port had turned into salt water. Such cases as these are odious, and bad enough, yet those who have just heard that of the *Brothers Pride*, and Captain Tower will see that they might have been ten times worse.

It needs no very powerful intellect to see that the unfortunate Captain Tower did not put the axe to the bottom of his ship or apply the torch in his own interests. Had he been the owner of the vessel and the proprietor of the cargo, we could understand him then destroying the ship to get a heavy insurance on a cargo

of dirty water. But Tower was the Captain, paid his monthly salary; and it mattered little to him whether his ship brought malada or foul water, so long as she kept afloat and made her ports, and he drew his pay. When he raised his axe to strike a hole in the bottom of his ship he was then in the employ of some other beside Captain Tower; he was filling the dictates of no wild phantasia, but he was carrying out the instructions either expressed or to be implied of some man or men whose interests it was the ship should go to bottom, with her worthless load of filthy water. We have not read the trial closely enough to know who was owner of the ship *Brothers Pride*, or who insured in the offices a cargo of malada, but filled the asks with foul water; for if we did we should say that was the same man, or these were the men in whose interests, and perhaps under whose instructions, the luckless Captain Tower tried to send the ship to bottom. Capt. Tower only fired the balls; some deeper-villd but more cunning villain stood behind the screens and made them. Yet it is Captain Tower that must satisfy the angered majesty of the law, and while it is meet the law-breaker should be punished, it is only a pity the hidden hand could not be seen, and the real scoundrel serve in a more darksome and opprobrious cell than the unfortunate Captain. The law has condemned Tower, but public opinion points at and condemns the man who employed him, and we condemn both.

THE VERDICT.

The following is the verdict of the Jury:—
"We the Jury, through our foreman, JAMES COLEMAN, find the prisoner guilty on all the counts of the indictment, excepting the 3rd and 4th. We recommend the prisoner to mercy."

Considering the previous high character of the prisoner, and the probable circumstances of his being in the power of designing persons in Cuba, we do recommend him to the clemency of the court.

Has ever a Jury put in a reason for extension of punishment anything more paltry!

What has the "previous high character" of the prisoner to do with his present offence. Did his "previous high character" make his blow at the ship's bottom less effectual, or did it make his torch less apt to kindle the ship? Juries should be less chicken-hearted; and they should learn to leave to the court what pertains to the court. They have merely to find if the prisoner is guilty or not guilty, and upon the extent of his guilt the judge passes sentence.

What a pity, though, those "designing persons in Cuba"—or in St John!—could not be found out; and while we admire the patriotic spirit of the jury that will saddle the monstrosity upon the back of a Cuban, we can't help but wish it were known who the "designing parties" are.

The fact of the business is about this. Few are speaking their minds upon the subject decried and afraid to do so. If a man happens to wear a miners gown, or a judge's ermine, he must not be spoken of above a whisper, or a very ignorant pandering creature must come in making apologies for him, though the said ermine believes the exact contrary of what he says. In the train of tremblers too, follows the press, afraid to speak what it thinks and believes, deterred by fear of libel suits or some more unworthy consideration.

THE RACE YESTERDAY.

A boat race came off yesterday at Washington between a man named Courtney, better known as "Calf," and a young man from Toronto named Edward Hanlan. A number of excited people went out to look at the rowing match, but it appears Hanlan was the best rower of the two, and rowed an eighth of a mile farther than "Calf," so called, before he reached the turn. We have not learnt yet what they were rowing for, but it was likely for money.

It is said after the fast rower getting in some fanatics who were at the house where he put up his boat took him on their shoulders; but we were unable to believe this till we remembered that the Egyptians used not alone to carry about cats on their shoulders, but used actually to worship them.

It appears that some half-crazy person named Reilly, who is described as ignorant and vulgar, is going to get in a boat the 26th and it is also said that the man who came in first is going to get into another boat, and the two are going to see who can row the fastest. The inhabitants, who are described as quite crazy, are going out in hundreds to see the two men rowing!

Hon. Mr. POPE, Minister of Marine and Fisheries leaves for Prince Edward Island to-morrow. In about three weeks Ministers will re-assemble at Ottawa and a Council will be held.

OUT AGAIN.

YESTERDAY Mr. James Tenant was sentenced to five days confinement in the common jail for contempt of court. The "contempt" consisted in Mr. Tenant refusing to take the oath when asked to give evidence against himself. Mr. Rainsford for the defense, contended the circumstances did not warrant the court in compelling Mr. Tenant to take the stand; but Mr. Marsh thought otherwise. Mr. Tenant was hurried away to jail and Mr. Rainsford hurried away to get a Judge's order for his release. That order he obtained from Judge Weldon and a copy of it will be found in another column.

Since the time of Charles the Second before which a man might be thrown into prison without trial and there retained for his lifetime. There is an Act known to legal folks called the *Habeas Corpus ad Subjiciendum*. This provides that no man shall be imprisoned unless the legality of his imprisonment has been proved in the open Court. There are times when the Government may suspend the Habeas Corpus Act, but we have not been advised whether Judge Marsh and the prosecuting Council had the Act suspended in the case of Mr. Tenant or not. If they had of course, the judge's order would only form a contribution to a waste paper department.

The Canada Temperance Act may be the wisest and the best law that ever adorned our statute book, but the clause compelling a man to give evidence against himself is so monstrous and so un-British, that it must bring contempt upon the whole Act some day when subject to a proper test. We may say the order of Judge Weldon practically ignores such a monstrous section; and any British Judge construing such a rascally article would be likely to give just such an order as Judge Weldon did.

WEY?

Has the ghost of Caesar risen in the War Department at Ottawa or what? A few days ago the order came down to Quebec, "Spike all the guns in the garrison." The order was at once obeyed, and then people began to ask, Why? No one yet has ventured the answer, but surmises are rife. There is to be a grand Review at Quebec on the 24th and much of the military force of Canada will be there. We believe it is the first time in its history that Quebec has been chosen for British Demonstration. The authorities wisely foresaw that so long as the old citadel looks over the steep and down towards the statue of Montcalm, the Canadian will remember that all this once belonged to *la belle France*, and hearing hurrahs go up in honor to the conquering nation might have his blood stirred. A wise decision mayhap. We have not mentioned the fact with a view to deterring extracts from the 71st going to the Review with the 62nd.

The Commission on the claims against New Brunswick in the Glazier Tibbitts matter, sat with closed doors yesterday. The Commission may sit till the first of June, but it will reach a decision before that no doubt. Hon. Attorney General and Hon. R. Young would, no doubt, like to linger about Ottawa till a result was reached.

The Lieut.-Governor in day's *Gazette*, proclaims Monday the 24th inst., a Public Holiday throughout the Province, "being" says his Honor, "the Birth Day of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria."

It is now stated that Hon John O'Connor will not resign. Who said he would, unless those who now hasten to contradict their own rumours?

How is the *News* getting the Local Government and Thomas the Scuttler mixed up? Is it near the full of the moon?

LORD BEACONSFIELD has sat himself down to write a novel. The occupation will solace him in his defeat.

The Wimbledon team sails for England the 19th of June.

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Plans, Specifications and General Conditions can be seen at this office on and after THURSDAY, the 20th day of MAY, next, where forms of tender can also be obtained.
Parties tendering are expected to provide the special tools necessary for, and to have a practical knowledge of works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250, for the gates of each lock, must accompany each tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.
The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.
For the due fulfilment of the contract the party or parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified that they are proposed subject to a deposit of five per cent. of the bulk sum of the contract—of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General within eight days after the date of the notice.
Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.
This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
By Order,
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