

BYGONE DAYS RECALLED

AN OLD TIME'S REMINISCENCES OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

XVII.

Importing Officials from England—The cases of Messrs. Reed and Power and Judge Carter—Something about a Valuable Historical Manuscript.

I notice that a bill has been introduced into the House of Commons, providing that a person shall not be employed in the civil service until he has resided five years in the dominion. It seems to me that no great exception can be taken to such a proposition—for it is getting to be notorious that young men from abroad, who have friends at court, come and take the plums out of the mouths of those whose parents, perhaps, have helped to build up the country. It was so in former years in New Brunswick, which served as a feeding ground for the quasi aristocracy of England—gentlemen's sons out of employment, and thought to be competent to send out to the colonies and fill such gaps as the royal governor had in their power to provide. Although the system appears to continue in vogue in Canada above, it has long since received its quietus in this quarter, or since the advent of responsible government. I might here briefly name a few of those importations. Some sixty years ago we were so poor in men, or perhaps spirit, that the governor of the day—for it must be remembered his ex-



SIR JAMES CARTER.

cellency, up to 1855, was absolute, or the next thing to it, and could, or would, appoint whom he pleased to office, with one exception; in the case of Sir William Colebrook and Mr. Reed—brought a gentleman all the way from England to fill the office of Surveyor General; and he lived in regal state at "The Hermitage," away beyond Government House. His entertainments were sumptuous and expensive, and no wonder, for it has been said that all the revenues of the Crown Land department were then absorbed by the officials. If there was anything left after the "running of the machine," it went, no doubt, into the treasury of the Province, quite an insignificant sum at the best. Another importation was in the person of Mr. Power, a brother of the Countess of Blessington, who, through the influence and intercession of the Duke of Wellington, brought about through her ladyship, this Mr. Power was placed in the same Crown Land department, as head clerk to Hon. Mr. Baillie. But in 1834 the people began to storm, no doubt led on by the lawyers, when a young man, 29 years of age, was sent out to fill a vacancy upon the bench, which gentleman died in England a few years since, having attained to the rank of chief justice in this province, and retired after a residence in Fredericton of forty years, and was knighted—Sir James Carter. Although an importation, he proved to be one of the best judges this province ever had. But there was a great row at the time of the appointment, the effect of which has been that no more men in quest of office have been sent out from that day to this—for it was resolved, by implication, at all events, that if any more came the British Columbian law against the Chinese should be enforced—viz., send them all back again.

And now while speaking of Judge Carter and how he came here, I am reminded of a manuscript work in the hands of Mr. J. W. Lawrence entitled "The Old Judges," a perusal of which has interested me greatly; and quite sure am I that if the Bench and Bar of this Province felt any interest in its publication—and why should they not?—no time would be lost in having it put into the hands of the printer. The work embraces the first fifty years of the Judiciary life of New Brunswick, from the time of Judge Putnam—the first Judge—to that of Judge Parker—within the scope of which period a most interesting history, especially of St. John, is incidentally opened up, but now unknown to the present generation, if in many particulars to the "oldest inhabitants." Every Judge and every lawyer in New Brunswick should spring to the front and secure this most invaluable treasure—if only through an *esprit du corps* spirit, each should feel a responsibility in the undertaking. A movement was made among the lawyers some little time ago, by way of marking an event in the life of one of the Judges (and properly so) and bringing into prominence

the time he had put in at the Bar extending over a period of fifty years. We all know what was the result of that unanimity. Now here is a history that concerns, I think, every Judge and Lawyer in the Province, and if the latter moved with the same earnestness with a view of having it published, I am quite sure that something could be done in a real practical way. The lives of the Chipmans, the Putnams, the Allens, the Saunders, the Blases bring to light an array of facts and incidents, blended with the progress of St. John, from step to step, from 1783 downwards, far more interesting, because of local value, than all the books in your free library put together. It only requires that one or two of our Judges shall invite their brethren and a few of the leading members of the Bar to meet together and consider the matter and then consult with Mr. Lawrence. This is the only plan that I can see that would produce the desired result. But if something is not done towards drawing the author out, the work, like the secret of Junius, will perish with the writer. I hope to be excused if this suggestion may be considered presumptuous.

AN OLD TIMER.

Note.—Hon. Dr. Elder, Provincial Secretary, thus remarked about Mr. Lawrence and "the old judges":—

"Mr. Lawrence is the principal toiler in the field of research, made at a great sacrifice, and it would be a crying shame if this state of things is permitted to continue. 'Time is money,' and if the time of one person is to be engrossed by so great a work (referring to the Old Judges) he should not only be saved from the risk of publication, but otherwise indemnified."

SABBATH BREAKING AT MONCTON.

A Semi-Religious Political Meeting Enhances the Day of Rest.

How time does fly, to be sure! Can it be only last July that every pulpit in town was hurling denunciations at the devoted head of the wicked manager of the B. and M. railway because he so far forgot himself and what was expected from him in religious circles as to run a Sunday train from Moncton to Buctouche and back again? Of course, we all know that the dear old earth does turn a complete somersault every year, but who could have imagined that it could have turned over sufficiently to bring that same hardened reprobate out on a dead level with some of his denouncers? Indeed, when I think of it, and

Oh, to think of it! Oh, to dream of it! Fills my heart with tears,

I am fain to grasp my massive brow in both hands and wonder, like the little old woman in the nursery rhyme, if I really am "me." But, alas! as I have nothing in the shape of a dog to assist in the identification, I am fain to remain in doubt on the subject. But amid all this chaos of uncertainty, one fact stands out in bold relief: that if the utterly naughty Mr. Hanington inaugurated Sunday excursions last summer, some of the very elect of Moncton, in whose nostrils is only the breath of sanctity, have struck out in a new direction, and on a recent Sunday they held a political meeting in the afternoon.

Now of course it makes all the difference in the world who does a thing. It may be very, very bad indeed when done by wicked secular minded people; but let some of the truly good do it and its complexion alters in a most incredibly short space of time. It ceases at once to be of color. This meeting was held in the W. C. T. U. hall and it was called a gospel temperance meeting, but all the same municipal affairs were thoroughly discussed, and the meeting was as much a political one as a temperance meeting, even to the denouncing of one of the present councillors as a disgrace to the council board, because he was a liquor seller. But then, of course, it was all done in a gospel spirit, which made it perfectly right. The denunciation was followed by the benediction, and the meeting dispersed with the understanding that they meet again next Sunday afternoon, with a special view to the municipal elections. All right and proper, of course. But don't you go desecrating the Sabbath again next summer, Mr. Hanington, by running trains and giving poor people a chance to get a whiff of salt sea breeze for a very small price. Oh, no! You don't do as we say, not as we do, because, don't you know, municipal elections only come once a year; so there is a sort of special prayer to be used on such occasions, while your trains run all summer and are above all things desperately wicked. Selah!

GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

Not Mad Enough For That.

Angry Subscriber—I am mad all the way through, and I want my paper stopped. Editor—Yes, sir; do you want to pay what you owe?

Angry Subscriber—No; I ain't mad enough for that.—St. Louis Critic.

THE DEAD EAGLE.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BROWNING.

The eagle's dead, and all the birds are met To do him homage; but scant praise they pay. Blackbird and cuckoo, lark and linnet slay His memory with silence; some old deb: The raven scorns; and mocks the parrot; His voice some blame; his garb, peacock and jay; And only wren and robin kind words say; And seem to mourn him with a real regret.

Up speaks the least of birds in accents shrill: "He was an eagle, and God made him so. What he had been, if ye had had your will, And made him to your taste, I do not know; And yet am sure his greatness would not fill Such space, or his departure cause such woe."

MATTHEW RICHET KNIGHT.

Benton, N. B., Canada.

*Sir James Carter was born in 1805; was made a puisne judge in 1834, and Chief Justice in 1847. He resigned the judgeship in 1866, and died in 1878.

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OF

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For the Year ending December 31st, 1889.

ASSETS.		\$136,401,328 02.
Surplus,	\$10,319,174 46	
Increase in Surplus,	\$9,657,948 44	
Receipts,	\$1,717,184 81	
Decrease during year,	\$31,119,019 63	
Paid Policy Holders,	\$4,903,087 10	
Increase during year,	\$15,200,608 38	
Risks assumed,	\$475,058 26	
Increase during year,	\$151,609,433 37	
Risks in force,	\$48,388,322 05	
Increase during year,	\$565,949,933 99	
Policies in force,	\$83,384,749 56	
Decrease during year,	189,310	
Policies written in 1889,	23,941	
Increase over 1888,	44,577	
	11,971	

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Real Estate and Bond and Mortgage Loans,	\$69,361,913 13
United States Bonds and other Securities,	\$50,225,469 81
Loans on Collateral Securities,	\$9,845,500 00
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest,	\$3,988,633 79
Interest Accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit, etc.,	\$3,881,812 29
	\$136,401,328 02

Liabilities (including Reserve at 4 p. c.), \$126,744,079 58

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.

From the Surplus above stated a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outstanding.	Surplus.
1884.....	\$34,681,420...	\$351,789,285...	\$103,876,178 51
1885.....	46,507,139...	368,981,441...	108,908,967 51
1886.....	56,832,719...	393,809,203...	114,181,963 24
1887.....	69,457,408...	427,628,933...	118,806,851 88
1888.....	108,214,261...	482,125,184...	126,082,153 56
1889.....	151,609,433...	565,949,934...	136,401,328 02

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The Manifold Perils which Envelop the Traveller on Moncton Highways.

When one comes to think the matter calmly over, it is not such a wonder, after all, that Moncton people are clamoring for a hospital, for I have come to the conclusion that, whether it pays or eats its head off, whether it stands a monument of enthusiasm, and stranded on the shores of Time, of one thing at least we may feel moderately certain, that during the winter season the accident ward will be kept pretty full, and there will be an ever-increasing demand for splints and plaster bandages, until the spirit moves the worthy burghers of Moncton town to scatter ashes in front of their houses.

I never was in a place before where people took their life in both hands and held it by a feeble tenure every time they went to make a social call. Why, the perils of ascending Mont Blanc sing into insignificance beside the awful risk you run in trying to ascend a glassy hill, crowned by six steps which have long since ceased to yield the slightest foothold to the terrified traveller, on account of each being filled to its utmost capacity with ice, till it resembles nothing so much as a miniature toboggan slide. I purchase an accident policy myself every time I make a call.

Seriously it is a subject of constant wonder to me how the people of our town manage to get in and out of their houses without breaking their limbs or fracturing their skulls; in fact such accidents are frequent, and this winter at least two gentlemen of Moncton have fallen at their own doors and received serious injuries, which a little care might have avoided. If ashes are too plebeian, sand is not expensive and would answer the same purpose.

Our worthy rector gave us a vigorous and thoughtful sermon Sunday morning on "The sins of unthoughtfulness," and said we should shrink in horror if we could be confronted with some of the consequences of our own thoughtless acts as they affected others.

And your correspondent furtively and tenderly rubbed an invalid knee which had recently taken on the cardinal colors of the rainbow in consequence of a too abrupt in-

roduction to the edge of a neighbor's stone step, and tried to compose a name for an entirely new constellation of stars he had discovered on the previous day, just at the moment when the back of his head came in contact with the icy path leading to another friend's hall door.

Needless to say, he agreed with the "Words of the preacher" heartily, and thought within himself that if that same negligent householder could have been confronted with one consequence of his thoughtlessness in the shape of the abnormal bump on the back of the patient Geoffrey's head, he might well have shrunk in horror, and ceased to wonder that eleven doctors lived and waxed fat in Moncton, since—

"Evil is wrought by want of thought, Far more than by want of heart."

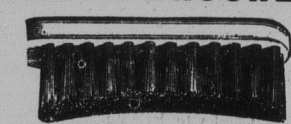
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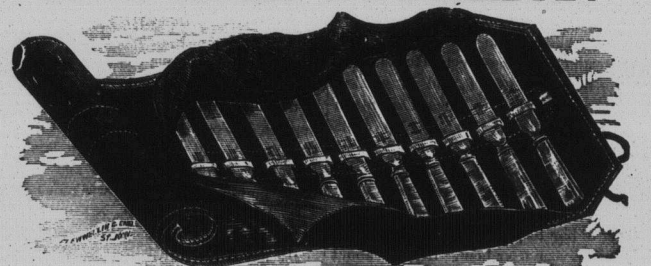
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SOME THOUGHTS.
Last night, my darling
I thought I heard ye
And to your little crib
And watched a space
Then, bending down, I
For, oh I love you
You are too young to be
But some time you sh
Some time, when in a d
Where others come to
Your eyes shall see a w
Calm in eternal sleep
The speechless lips, the
The patient smile may
You are too young to be
But some time you sh
Look backward, then, I
And see me here toni
See, O my darling! how
Are falling as I write
And feel once more up
The kiss of long ago—
You are too young to be
But some time you sh

WORDS OF

"Do you need a man
place, sir?"
Judge Parker look
books and papers to t
wart man about thirty y
but genteel in appearan
in manner and speech.
"Take a chair," said
motioning to one near b
"No, thank you, sir;
if you please. The door
made bold to walk in.
times on the door frame
hear me. I came in just
a man to do any sort of
place. If you do not, I
more of your time, as I
But I hope you do, a
badly."

"You are a stranger in
not?" asked the judge le
chair.

"Partly so. I lived he
"Your name?"

"John."

"Your surname?"

"I would like you to c
sir, if you please."

"Don't you know, my
holding your name is no
tion, and very likely to n
able impression?"

"I know it, sir; but if
I think you'll find that m
desire to do everything ri
for the rest of my name."

Something about the m
appearance strongly r
Parker, inspiring a desire
him, and he said:

"Well, I'll tell you can
your appearance and ma
man refuses to give his n
something wrong."

"There is something v
honest with you, there is
with the name, but not w
I could easily give you
Ain't the fact that I don't
sign of honesty, and won't
at that as a recommendation."

"It is an indication,
sponded the judge. "N
spends that I do need a man
try place here; need one
is upon us, bringing a gre
to be done about the gro
man for the stable and, i
hand would have to do
mowing the lawn, raking,
wood, keeping the ground
running errands, and so
be willing to do that?"

"Certainly, sir," Joh
sponded. "I'll be only to
try me."

"But you're an able-bo
low, who could make at s
more than I could give y
mentioned, and if I mistak
pearance, you have had l
this kind of work."

"That is all true, sir.
more at other work, and I
aims, but you've seen how
in sometimes on our aim
glad to do such work as y
summer, if you'll only giv
"What are your terms?"

"That is not important."
"Not important?" Wh
becoming plain to me that
object other than this w
which such a position
Haven't you?"

"Not exactly plain, but
for coming to you that I d
if you please. It's not a
and I hope you won't refus
on its account."

"It gives rise to unfavor
though. An unusual num
against you. You refuse
name, you seek work plain
abilities, wages are unimp
ly, the work is not your ch
must certainly be aware
good grounds for turning y
"I am aware of that, sir,
that when I came to you
pear in a bad light, but I
honest about it, anyhow."

"sir; you'll not regret it.
sorely; more than I dare t
tress. I have nothing el
appearance is my only r
If that won't do I must go."

He looked pleadingly at
rising, came from behind
standing close to the applic
"Well, John, let me tell
candor and evident truthfu
pressed me very strongly i
despite the appearance ag
try you for a month, but
complain if you are denie
leges that would be acco
who has proven himself tr
your actions are more clos
"I've seen those consequ
it's all right. They are t
under the circumstances, an
plain. Do as you please w
feel it can be trusted. Sho
at once, sir, if you can. I
words to thank you, sir, ev
time to hear them. My w
you how grateful I am."

Donning a broad-brim
Judge Parker conducted th

To get Paper Hanging do
reasonably apply to Wilkin
Union street.