

## Maritime Farmer.

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### Mr. White's Death.

A feeling of sincere and universal regret has possessed the minds of the people of Canada, irrespective of party, in consequence of the sudden death of Hon. Thomas White, M. P. for Cardwell, and Minister of the Interior in the Dominion Government. Mr. White's illness lasted only a few days, and he has been called away in the full vigor of his mind, and in the full exercise of his great usefulness as a public man. Here in Fredericton, hundreds of people who heard the deceased gentleman's eloquent public utterances a little over a year ago with that vigor and intelligence of which he was a complete master, will truly feel the almost irreparable loss the country has suffered by Mr. White's death. He was a man who had sprung from the lower ranks of the ladder to a commanding position in the councils of his country, and whether as a journalist, a citizen, or a statesman, he was respected and loved for his high industry, ability, and integrity. As a newspaper man, his career was everywhere admitted and admired. His position in Canada, and as a statesman, his words were given everywhere with the same confidence and authority. His death, therefore, is a great loss to the country, and his passing is a great loss to the Dominion Government. He was a man of great energy, and his death is a great loss to the country. He was a man of great energy, and his death is a great loss to the country. He was a man of great energy, and his death is a great loss to the country.

### Henry Peter Mitchell.

Hon. Peter Mitchell, Northumberland representative in the House of Commons, affords a good deal of fun to the members of Parliament. The Hon. Peter was always credited with a lively temper, and while a member of the Assembly in this Province, he is said to have been the central figure in many legislative "comers," but it is in his old age, and in the wider arena of federal politics, that the pugnacious Peter shines even himself. The Hon. Peter's temper has not been improved by his exclusion from the Cabinet; hence he takes on the Government very often, and in his expressions of dissent, does not always use the choicest expressions. When the result of the Commercial Union debate was announced in the Commons, Peter was very angry, indeed, and when he left the chamber he was heard to exclaim rather vehemently, "I'll give them a lesson in the Herald tomorrow," meaning the Montreal Herald, of which he is proprietor. Peter got angry again Friday night in Parliament, and was not less choice in his language. He asked the consideration of a bill be deferred, as he wanted to go to Montreal. Sir Hector Langvin, who was leading the House, said this was an unnecessary request as the session was advancing, and it was desirable to progress as rapidly as possible with legislation. Peter then commenced to storm and threatened to obstruct the bill if his wishes were not respected. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and then Mr. Mitchell crossed the floor and gestulated in an exceedingly rude manner to the Minister of Public Works. He was very angry, and the consideration of the Customs bill had not been postponed and could not be postponed, and by "G" he would. Sir Charles Tupper, who was standing near, quietly remarked that Mr. Mitchell made it impossible for the Government to proceed to the request, owing to the impudent threat he had made. This fairly set Peter boiling, and he stamped and stormed about the floor, politely informing the members of the Government, "I don't care a damn for you anyway," and with this choice observation he called off to dinner. The incident created both amusement and amusement.

### Scott Act Defeat.

The friends of the Scott Act met with a severe reverse in Ontario last Thursday, when in nine counties, the law was repealed by majorities varying from 150 to 2,500. In all these constituencies the act had been adopted by large majorities, but a complete reversal of public feeling seems to have grown up against the law, and these Ontario counties appear to be more eager to get rid of the Scott Act than they were to adopt it. Various causes are assigned for this changing defeat. The Toronto Globe blames the Dominion Government, the Toronto Empire lays it to the door of the Mowatt administration, but most people believe the electors concluded that the Act was not doing the work for which it was designed, and hence its remaining in force while not in operation, was a farce and delusion. The first county to repeal the Act was Halton, Ontario, a few months ago, and the liquor dealers and license party were encouraged by the result of that election, that they forced the fighting in almost every county under the Act in Ontario. However, the success of the Act in Thursday's elections does not seem to have discouraged Mr. Jamieson, the recognized prohibition leader in Parliament. When interviewed Friday, he pointed out that the Scott Act in the first instance was not what the Temperance party asked for or wanted. In 1875, at the Montreal convention, they passed a resolution asking the Mackenzie Government to pass a law under which a popular vote on prohibition could be held on the question. The Government refused on the ground that there was no constitutional

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Foreign, Dominion, and Provincial Happenings.

### Gathered from every Quarter.

May 18th will be known in the New Brunswick calendar as the day when the Scott Act was repealed in nine counties. The repeal was effected by a vote of 150 to 2,500 in all the constituencies. The act had been adopted by large majorities, but a complete reversal of public feeling seems to have grown up against the law, and these Ontario counties appear to be more eager to get rid of the Scott Act than they were to adopt it.

### Mr. White's Photograph.

A gentleman just now copying a large charge of public attention is Mr. John T. Hawke, the editor of the Montreal Transcript, who once before the Supreme Court is referred to elsewhere. Mr. Hawke is a very young and innocent looking young man and might be taken for a Frenchman, his every countenance indicating a characteristic of that race. But he is not a Frenchman. He comes from Plymouth, England, has a wife and three children at Montreal. He is a very young man, and his countenance indicates the bright intellect he undoubtedly possesses. His manner is very genial, and in conversation he is animated. Mr. Hawke came to Canada about twelve years ago, and has had a wide and useful experience on the press, having served as managing news editor of the Toronto Globe, Ottawa correspondent for that paper and the St. John Telegraph, and editor of the Ottawa Free Press, having filled the last position last previous to his assuming control of the Transcript. Like our own Capt. Copley, Mr. Hawke graduated from the printer's case, and in addition to that as an expert stenographer. Although a young man, Mr. Hawke can recognize worth in his journalistic opponents, and yields homage to those who have made journalism a stepping stone to higher honors and positions. He exemplified in his letter to the late Hon. Thomas White, on the latter's elevation to a Cabinet office, which letter called forth a very cordial reply from the deceased minister, who in return complimented Mr. Hawke on his position in the Transcript. Mr. Hawke is a very young man, and his countenance indicates the bright intellect he undoubtedly possesses. His manner is very genial, and in conversation he is animated. Mr. Hawke came to Canada about twelve years ago, and has had a wide and useful experience on the press, having served as managing news editor of the Toronto Globe, Ottawa correspondent for that paper and the St. John Telegraph, and editor of the Ottawa Free Press, having filled the last position last previous to his assuming control of the Transcript.

### The Dominion Sabotage.

The Ontario correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, evidently writing with authority, says that the policy of economy which the Government has sought with considerable success to apply for some months past is likely to have a new exemplification. There is a desire, says the writer, to keep down the public expenditure to the lowest possible point consistent with efficient service in the various branches, and to call a halt to the debt incurred. No additions of consequence will be made to the liabilities of the country that can be avoided. It is said that the termination of railway subsidies will make a good beginning in the way of retrenchment. The several provinces have been fairly well provided for in the way of railways, and now the information with subsidized lines are built or the vote will be given by reason of failure to carry out the work, no further grants of a general character need be looked for. The Exchequer has been asked if the decision of the Government will apply to the Fredericton and Woodstock Railway, twenty miles of which has not yet been subsidized. We think not, if the Government is to be relied on. The policy of the Government evidently only refers to entirely new enterprises, and not to lines of railways that have already been granted subsidies in part.

### A SCOTT ACT WATERLOO.

The Measure Repealed in Nine Ontario Counties.

The Scott Act suffered a serious defeat in Ontario Thursday. Petitions for repeal were voted upon in nine counties, and the majority was for repeal in every case. The Act was adopted in these counties three years ago by overwhelming majorities and after a full vote had been polled. The change in public sentiment is entirely very great and explanations will be given with considerable interest. The following counties show the majority by which the Act was adopted three years ago and the majority by which it was repealed Thursday:

County	Adopted	Repealed
Brudenell	1,200	187
Dundas	1,700	280
Glengary	1,000	107
Halton	1,700	700
Norfolk	1,100	700
Simcoe	1,100	700

### A Warning to Public Men.

The death of the minister of the interior from overwork is a warning to public men. The man who has been called away in the full vigor of his mind, and in the full exercise of his great usefulness as a public man. Here in Fredericton, hundreds of people who heard the deceased gentleman's eloquent public utterances a little over a year ago with that vigor and intelligence of which he was a complete master, will truly feel the almost irreparable loss the country has suffered by Mr. White's death. He was a man who had sprung from the lower ranks of the ladder to a commanding position in the councils of his country, and whether as a journalist, a citizen, or a statesman, he was respected and loved for his high industry, ability, and integrity. As a newspaper man, his career was everywhere admitted and admired. His position in Canada, and as a statesman, his words were given everywhere with the same confidence and authority. His death, therefore, is a great loss to the country, and his passing is a great loss to the Dominion Government.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

New York sent 7,000 barrels of potatoes to day.

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