

Chignecto Post.

Sackville, N. B., October 3, 1878. The Provincial Exhibition. Next Tuesday the Exhibition opens at Fredericton.

These Exhibitions attract every year less and less public attention. The different sections of the Province no longer send large deputations as formerly, and farmers themselves, outside of the immediate locality where they are held, find no inducements sufficient to draw them there, much less to exhibit.

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There is perhaps not a single individual in this Province possessing the means to establish an experiment station such as Mr. Lawes carries on at his farm at Rothamsted, or even to carry on systematically the most extensive field work embraced under soils or manures or plants or animals. In communities of limited wealth, the prosecution of discovery and experiment must be the work of the Government, and when the Government neglects it, the people struggle on year after year in a hopeless fight against the powers of nature, when a little scientific observation would make as light as day the most puzzling mysteries, and remove obstacles great as mountains.

It is peculiarly the work of the department of agriculture to prepare a map of this Province accurately showing the lands occupied and unoccupied; those owned by private individuals and by the Crown; forest lands and character of their growth; cleared and barren lands, showing the elevations, whether swamps or upland; marking the lakes, rivers, streams, roads and bridges, as well as schools, churches and settlements. How many of even the best-informed of our people have the information that such a map would display at a glance? How much less could intending settlers judge of the merits of respective sections of the country? And still less immigrants seeking for the most desirable locations? Geological and mineralogical surveys of the different countries for the purpose of determining the chemical properties of the soil is a matter of great importance to the farmer. Experiment stations to determine the influence of season, manures, exhaustion, etc., on crops are especially a matter to be dealt with by the department. The results obtained by patient investigation by means of experiments have the force of mathematical truth and have had much to do with rendering Continental and English farmers amongst the most prosperous of classes. In the work of agricultural statistics, prices of produce, rate of wages, etc., many interesting and valuable facts are developed, which the department of agriculture alone could manage.

The question is, how much longer is the Government going to fritter away money in doing nothing, when they might make it the means of conferring inestimable advantages on the agriculturists of this Province? Enosch the great inventor says the Falls of Niagara can be utilized by electricity to grind a grain in New York. The only trouble is the cost. The copper for 400 miles, only one or two hundred million dollars.

Government Appointments.

Will the present Government make any appointments previous to their resignation, is the question of the hour. No doubt Mr. Mackenzie is pressed to do so by perhaps thousands of supporters, but if he regards his pledged principles he will not make a single one. Will he observe the principles he himself laid down when in Opposition? Considering that he violated nearly every other law in the Grit Decalogue, there is but little guarantee he will not break the one relating to appointments. Dr. Tupper said at Halifax:

I say with confidence, for I am bound to believe that the present Government will feel themselves governed now by the same rules which they laid down in 1874, when they insisted that every act done by their predecessors, after a vote of want of confidence, should be null and void. Mr. Mackenzie, having required the Queen's Representative to cancel all the appointments made by the late Government after the vote of want of confidence was moved, although we had a majority to sustain us down to the hour of our resignation, it is impossible to suppose that he can now ask the Crown to sanction appointments made by a Government after cancelling all the appointments made by the people at the polls. Under those circumstances, it would be to assume that an executive act will be performed by the present Government previous to the appointment of their successors which is strictly necessary and unavoidable.

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Ignorance of Canada.

During the contest just closed, the Government papers were in the habit of flourishing quite triumphantly in their columns, English and American (as the London Times, the Saturday Review, N. Y. Independent World, etc.) opinions of the Pacific Scandal, and adverse to Sir John—just as if the judgment and verdict of our own people were not of infinitely more value than the hap-hazard, careless scribbles of the half-informed writers on foreign journals, and as if our people were not vastly better informed and vastly more capable of judging of our own affairs and minding our own business, than these writers could possibly do for us!

To show the wretched ignorance as to Canadian affairs exhibited by the foreigners who are supposed to possess a liberal education, we might mention that the N. Y. Times persists in saying that Sir John Sandfield Macdonald is leader of the Opposition, whereas Sandfield Macdonald has been dead for years. The N. Y. Herald writes in absolute ignorance of the fact that the Maritime Provinces form a part of Canada. The Paris Figaro of 9th ult. says: "The Canadians surpass all other North American nations even the nation of New-England, in their collections of domestic goods, such as the sleighs in which they travel the year round, and the buffalo robes with which they defy King Zero. Then again they have a most magnificent display of lacrosse—sticks, a netting of reindeer skin with which they play a game known as lacrosse with their Indian neighbors—scur of heads of elk, deer, moose, buffalo and other animals of the chase common to the Arctic regions. They exhibit many excellent machines, and appear to be expert as craftsmen, but no doubt such goods are only manufactured in the thinly populated settlements adjoining the United States."

An English press, writing the other day to a correspondent at Halifax, addressed his letter to Halifax, Massachusetts! The London Times published, a few days ago, a lecture delivered by a Professor Wilson, who gravely asserts that nearly all Canadian families have a strain of Indian blood in their veins! The Mark Lane Express, of 16th ult., locates Prince Edward Island in the United States. Even Gladstone himself, despite his great erudition, is making himself ridiculous by his ignorance of the constitutional history of the United States in a pretentious series of articles in the North American Review wherein he philosophizes on the constitutions of the respective countries.

The Nova Scotia Government. We cannot understand the position of affairs in Nova Scotia. The elections of Sept. 17th resulted in the complete overthrow of the Hill administration; the returns are all in, and there is not the slightest pretext but that the country has pronounced itself decidedly against them; and why are they suffering to hang like leeches on to their offices? There is the extraordinary spectacle of every member of the Government, but one, being defeated, so that it is impossible that they can meet the House. Is responsible Government to be ignored by these dismissed servants, are they to retain their places, the defiance of the commands of their voters, and practically keep charge of the affairs of the Province, from the duties of which they were so summarily discharged? Mr. Mackenzie has some plausibility in holding on for a few days, until the relief of the Hill administration of the Dominion comes, and to clean up for the incoming terms; but nothing of this sort can be urged by, or on behalf of, the moribund Hill Government, and unless Governor Archibald calls upon them to resign, as he has the prerogative of doing, and summoning men who have the confidence of the country to form an administration, he may find himself with a nest of hornets about his ears.

The anticipated arrival in a few days at Halifax of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, no doubt is one reason of Mr. Hill holding on. His vanity urges him to be in a prominent position on that occasion, but he is not entitled to it, and he has no right to it, and should not be permitted to rob the country of the Premier of Nova Scotia, whoever he may be, of the honor. If Governor Archibald plays into the hands of Mr. Hill and his Government, he may have difficulty with the representatives of the people, who may resent his misconduct, permitting a defunct Government to violate the Constitution of the country, and compel his sudden departure from Government House.

The Trouble in Afghanistan.

The Amer of Cabool, Sheer Ali, has behaved himself in a way showing he esteems the friendship of England but lightly. He has behaved in an insulting manner, having most studiously neglected to answer three letters of the Governor General of India, notifying him that it was the intention of the Supreme Government to send a mission to Cabool, requesting the Amer to issue orders for securing the safe conduct and proper reception of the representatives of the friendly power; and offering condoleance on the death of the British envoy would not take his departure for Cabool until the period of mourning had expired. One of the reasons given for the Amer's behavior is, that he was wrote at the way England, through her foreign office, has intermeddled in the question of the succession to the Afghan throne against his interest as the ruler of the country. It has been rumored that Russian intrigue was the exciting cause of the Amer's attitude, and there is not wanting evidence to justify the suspicion. The report that Lord Lotus, the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, will demand explanations and the withdrawal of the Czar's agent from Cabool without delay, bears it out.

British troops have been moved towards the frontier of Afghanistan with the intention, if war is declared, to march across a netting of reindeer skin from Quetta on the Candahor, from Khatat on Koramully, and by the Kyber Pass. It was reported that a Cabinet Council was to be summoned in the beginning of the week, to meet at Downing street, to deliberate on the steps to be taken in the event of a special Cabinet meeting was not considered necessary. The English press seem to be unanimous in demanding that Sheer Ali make amends for his insolence or suffer the consequences thereof, which he has refused to do. A St. Petersburg special states that the Russian commission appointed to enquire into the army frauds reported that the corruption and venality was great. Five hundred officers, including forty generals, are accused with misappropriation of money during the late war.

PARIS, Oct. 1.—Private advices received are to the effect that intimations have been made to England of Russia's intention to immediately withdraw its troops from Afghanistan. The advices state that the British Charge d'Affaires at St. Petersburg presented to the Imperial Chancellor a note inquiring in what way Russia proposed to reimburse General Stobell's mission to Cabul with its previous engagements, which Russia agreed to renounce all political influence in Afghanistan. The reply was to the effect that Russia was always disposed to respect existing engagements, and that the mission Gen. Stobell, although directed upon at a time and under circumstances which now no longer existed, was merely intended as an act of courtesy to the Amer of Afghanistan.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 28.—One hundred and seventeen new cases yesterday. Two cemeteries are in the very heart of the city. The fever is this vicinity is of a most malignant type. While a physician was taking the temperature of a patient the man crushed the bulb between his teeth and swallowed the mercury. He died yesterday. Another patient, given up as hopeless on Tuesday, leaped for a bottle of whiskey, and the nurse, thinking he would die anyway, brought it. The man drank all the whiskey and is now out of danger.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 28.—There are now 3,500 corpses within the city, and are accumulated by only about six inches of loose cloths, the rest being above ground in vaults, through the crevices of which the noxious gases of putrefaction escape. A New Orleans special says that the fever brought down in a verdict of "Murder" against Dowd and Mrs. Ward as accomplices of the murder of Thomas Ward.

A Jolly Mariner Ashore.

It was a jolly mariner as ever he was; He wore his coat and waistcoat, And always ate his grog. And blessed his eyes in sailor-wise, And hopped on his legs. His name was Casey and he shipped on Tuesday morning on board of the scho. Annetta for the run to Europe, and obtained \$20 advance, which he forthwith proceeded to invest in Old Jamaica. The Annetta was off Wood Point and in the afternoon Captain Walsh secured his man, put him in a wagon and started for the vessel. On his way down, the Captain happening to glance back to the rear of the wagon, discovered his man had slipped his cable and was making tracks across a field as fast as his propellers would carry him. The Captain tacked after him, and after a lively run, in which both parties made excellent time, overhauled him, towed him back, tied his arms behind him and moored his legs to the seat of the wagon, after which he gave no further trouble.

Having got on board the vessel, in the afternoon, this jolly mariner thought there must be something in the post-office for him, and his craving became so intense to visit the post-office, that he got up, entered and stored on the road under full sail, and would no doubt have escaped had not Mr. David Wheaton who was proceeding along the road, fence-stake in hand, brought him up suddenly at standing. So open a violation of marine law and common law and statute law and all other kind of law could not of course be tolerated in so law abiding community as Wood Point and the man was therefore, duly arraigned before Mr. Justice Bent, Mr. Wheaton appearing for the vessel and owners, the prisoner defending in propria persona. The sailor being placed on the dock and it being duly proven that he had offended as before mentioned, he was fined \$1.00 and costs, which being paid out of the residue of the \$20, and pocketed by the Court, thus vindicating the majesty of the law, the mariner was formally returned to the custody of the Captain.

DEAR SIR:—It is rumored that Mr. Parly will be dismissed from the Postmaster's office at Amherst, because of his active hostility to the incoming Government. I trust it is a mistake. Dr. Tupper owe a deep debt of gratitude to the worthy P. M., and if he possesses a spark of the generous spirit he will increase the salary or make him P. O. Inspector, say to him: "Prother, go up higher." I will tell you why. The Grits gave notice of a public meeting last Saturday here. A crowd assembled to hear the orators, but no candidates for office were named. As last the P. M. put in an appearance on behalf of the missing candidates and addressed the meeting for over an hour. The people were spell-bound by his eloquence, and when they went home, they resolved to do just what the P. M. had advised them, viz: to vote for Pipes, Oxley, and Lewis. Now what was the result? At a former Election Tupper got only 15 votes here; this Election it was increased to 31. If Tupper could have secured the P. M.'s assistance in stamping the other party's name on the ballot, his majority would no doubt have been proportionally increased. Turn such a valuable member of the civil service as that out? No! never! Perish the thought.

THE CORONER'S JURY had found and Mrs. Ward guilty. At one o'clock Saturday, the inquest on the body of Thomas Ward was resumed at Lepreux. Dr. McLaughlin was examined and stated that upon examination of the skull he found it smashed and on the back part of the head and on the right temple there were indications of heavy blows sufficient to cause death. Dowd, the prisoner, still asserts his innocence of the crime. The jury brought in a verdict of "Murder" against Dowd and Mrs. Ward as accomplices of the murder of Thomas Ward. Dowd and Mrs. Ward were taken to Jail at St. Andrews, where they await on Saturday afternoon. They will remain there until their trial in the Circuit Court, which meets November 12th, before Justice Waldon. Annie Ward will go to Jail to be held as a witness.

MR. PATULLO, the Grit organizer in Ontario, probably feels more than any man in Canada. His predictions as to the overwhelming triumph of the Grits were haunted by the Grit papers from Halifax to Sarnia, and his means of knowing the facts were looked upon with considerable awe by even the Conservatives. His prophecy was: "My third conviction is that on the night of the 25th of September, the Reformers will be carried to the provinces of Ontario that they will have carried New South Wales by a majority; that they will have carried Prince Edward Island solid."

Flower Pots!

JUST RECEIVED: 18 Dozen Flower Pots. FOR SALE VERY LOW. J. L. Black.

Tea! Tea! Tea! 25 Boxes of Tea, CHOICE QUALITY. J. L. Black.

FLOUR 100 BLS. FLOUR. "Triumph" Brands. The cheapest in the market for Cash. J. L. Black.

Carpets, Paints, Oil, &c. NEW ALL-WOOL CARPETS; New Tapestry Carpets; New Brussels Carpets; Floor Oilcloths—all widths; White Lead, Colored Paints, Putty; Dry and Tarred Sheeting Paper; Nails, Zinc, Glass; Locks, Knobs, and Hinges; Raw and Boiled Oil; For Sale Cheap. J. L. Black.

AUG. 12th, 1878. WE HAVE JUST OPENED: 6 CASES CONTAINING Grey & White Cottons. PRINTS & SHIRTINGS. Ladies' and Gent's Silk Ties and Scarfs; Umbrellas, Corsets, Black Hats and Flowers, Gloves, Cuffs, Collars, and General Dry Goods. 100 Doz. CLARK'S REELS; 2 Bales WARPS. J. L. Black.

CLOTHING AND FLANNELS JUST OPENED: \$2,000 Worth of Clothing, Of Superior Quality and Style for Fall and Winter. 15 Doz. Under-Shirts & Pants. Scarlet, Grey and Fancy Shirting. FLANNELS. J. L. Black.

Boots, Shoes & Slippers. JUST RECEIVED FROM CANADA: 2 CASES LADIES' SERGE BOOTS; 1 case Misses' Serge and Kid Boots; 1 case Ladies' Kid & Leather Slippers; 1 case Children's Boots. J. L. Black.

Iron and Steel. 20 Tons Iron and Steel, Including Full Assortment and Sizes required for Carriage Builders, and for general use. Lowmoor, Norway & Sweede Iron. BEST AMERICAN TYRE STEEL; SPRING STEEL; BLISTER STEEL; CAST STEEL. J. L. Black.

TO HOUSEBUILDERS. WE HAVE NOW IN STORE A Complete Stock of Window Glass. 132 BOXES, All Sizes from 7x9 to 24x36 inches. FOR SALE LOW. J. L. Black.

Tobacco. 73 Boxes and Caddies. CHOICE HIGH GRADE TOBACCO. For sale by the Box lower than can be laid down from any market. J. L. Black.

Advertisements This Day.

OCT. 3rd, 1878. C. A. BOWSER. Is now opening a beautiful Stock of NEW FALL and WINTER GOODS! Personally selected in St. John this week. BOOTS AND SHOES. Fine Assortment just opened: Men's and Boys' Congress & Lace Boots; Men's and Boys' Long Boots; Ladies' Button and Lace Boots; Misses' Button and Lace Boots; Children's Boots, all sizes. Selling at Bottom Prices. oct 41 J. F. ALLISON.

CLOTHING. Fall Stock of Clothing for the Fall and Winter Trade: Overcoats and Reefers, Pants and Vests, and Flannels! FOR SALE VERY LOW, oct 31 J. F. ALLISON.

ROYAL! To Close Consignment. GREAT DISCOUNT. THE Subscribers offer a number of LIGHT RUNNING Royal Sewing Machines, Price \$48, at \$30. As they are anxious to close up a consignment at once. They are offered at the rate because they must be sold at once. They are a first class Machine, and have taken many prizes. A number of them in use in Sackville give every satisfaction. CALL AT ONCE. oct 2 T. BAIRD & SONS.

New Goods! W. D. MAIN & CO., ARE now showing in their Establishment—DRESS GOODS, Jano Stephens Cloths, Cloth Mixtures, Cashmeres, Royal Corals, Feb. Merinos. In all the New Shades, with Fringes, Gallons and Buttons to match. First Instalment of ANIMA MILLINERY New Hats, New Shapes, Satins, Silks, Flowers, Plumes, Ribbons, &c. &c. Men's & Women's Underclothing. All Goods marked at our usual close figures. MOURNING AND BLACK GOODS: Brilliantest, Cashmeres, French Merinos, All-Wool National Cord, Persian Cord, All-Wool Felt, Diagonal, Crepe Cloths, Poppins, &c. &c. And a large Stock of Fancy Goods in every Department. MILLINERY and Dress-Making carried on in the premises. W. D. MAIN & CO., AMHERST, N. S. Ask for the "Bazar Patterns," the best in the market. JAS. R. AYER.

Sole Leather. JUST RECEIVED AND TO ARRIVE: 100 SIDE Pictou Sole Leather, Which I will sell at \$7c. per pound. oct 2 JAS. R. AYER.

ALBARTIE and OIL COMPANY. A Meeting of the Directors of the Albertie and Oil Co., a further call of \$5 per cent. on the subscribed shares was ordered to be made payable on or before the 25th day of OCTOBER, at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, to William Pacific, Manager; or to E. B. Chandler, Jr., Dorchester. E. B. CHANDLER, Secy. September 28th, 1878.

NOTICE. A public meeting of the subscribers to the Annual Fall Show of the Sackville and Westmorland Agricultural Society will be held on the Society's Grounds, SACKVILLE, on Tuesday, 15th October. Doors open at 9 o'clock, a. m. Admission: Gents and Building, by Ticket, 10 cents each. All Articles and Animals competing for prizes must be entered with the Secretary not later than Saturday, 12th of October. All articles in Classes 1 to 7 inclusive, must be placed in the building between 10 and 4 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, 14th of October, by 10 o'clock, a. m. JOHN E. CARTER, Secretary. Sackville, Sept. 30th, 1878.

NOTICE. TO be sold at Public Auction, at the residence of the subscriber, on THURSDAY, OCT. 3rd, 1878: 1 Horse, 3 Cows, 5 Sheep, 3 Pigs, 5 tons English Hay, 3 tons Oats, 25 bushels Potatoes, 2 Horse Steds, 1 Pump, 1 Wagon, 2 Horse Cars, 2 Harnesses, 1 Sleigh, 1 Harrow, and Household Furnitures. LEAULU TOWER, Esq., Rockport, Oct. 1st, 1878.

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Dress Goods. MY Assortment of Dress Goods, of the latest Styles, very full and embraces all the Novelties of the present Season, and will be added to weekly. A superb lot of MANTELES, elegantly Trimmed. Also, MANTLE CLOTHES for the coming Season, in all the leading Styles. oct 2 GEO. E. FORD.

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT. WE have fitted up on second flat a large and spacious room particularly for Millinery, Fancy Goods and Ladies' Furnishings, and would ask for this department a liberal share of patronage. This department is furnished with a large and elegant Stock of French and English Flowers, Ostrich Feathers, Wings, Plumes, &c., in Black, White, &c. All the leading colors and makes in Sables, Silks, Velvets and Ribbons; Hat and Bonnet Ornaments, in great variety; all the latest style of Hats and Bonnets in Straw, Felt, Velvet and Plush, &c. Ladies' Underwear, Trimmings, Collars, Ties, Scarfs, Cuffs, Black and Colored Kid Gloves, Slippers, &c. oct 2 GEO. E. FORD.

American Furniture! Just Received from Boston: 10 DRESSING CASE CHAMBER SUITS, handsomely painted, walnut trimmings; 7 Walnut Extension Tables, from 7 feet to 10 feet; 2 Walnut Piller Extension Tables; Gents and Ladies' Rocking Chairs; Students' Chairs; Patent Trunkers; Large and Small Easy and Rocking Chairs, in walnut; Walnut Centre Tables, with and without Marble Tops; Hair Cloth Sofas, Lounges; Bedsteads, Crisps, Nurse Chairs; Spring Beds, Cane Seat Chairs; And all full line common Furniture. oct 25 GEO. E. FORD.

Black Lustres, from 12c. up to \$1.00. Black and White Prints, extra value and New Patterns; Blue and Cold Cashmeres and Merinos; Ladies' & Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs; White Shirtings, &c.; Black and White Silk Scarfs; Lace, Trimmings, Collars; Gents' Black and Cold Hats & Scarfs; Linen and Paper Collars and Cuffs, &c. oct 25 GEO. E. FORD.

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