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Will Not Discriminate Against Us.

It is satisfactory to learn from Ottawa that Canada will not be discriminated against in the new reciprocity treaty between the British West Indies and the United States. Exports from the Dominion will be admitted to these colonies on exactly the same terms as those from the Republic. It would have been a serious thing for Nova Scotia had this not been conceded as the trade of this one province with the sister colonies in the islands aggregates over a million and a half a year, the exports being fishery products, lumber and agricultural produce.

The Meeting of Parliament.

The proclamation calling Parliament for the despatch of business on Thursday, February 25, was issued last Saturday. The belief prevails that an effort will be made to get through the business of the country by the Queen's birthday. It is hardly likely that the Government will have much legislation of an important character; the pièce de résistance will probably be the redistribution bill. One measure which, it is deficitely understood, the Government will introduce is for the reuniting of the Marine and Fishery Departments under one deputy head. By this step a substantial saving to the country will be made. The change will necessitate the retirement of one of the present Deputy Ministers, and it is understood that Mr Tilton, the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, will be superannuated.

Electrical Light.

An effort has been recently made in Germany to have all public buildings, churches and other places where large crowds assemble, lighted with electrical lamps instead of by gas or kerosene. The movement is made in behalf of the sanitarians, who consider the health of those who congregate at the different places in crowds when artificial light is necessary. The electrical lamp consumes no oxygen, and hence does not vitiate the atmosphere as does gas, kerosene lamps and all candles. One gas jet consumes as much oxygen as do six human beings and hence it is an easy matter to calculate the speed with which a brilliantly lighted public hall becomes close. The electrical lamp abstracts nothing from the atmosphere that fits it for human existence. In several large schools, where incandescent electrical lamps have been in use for years, it has been found that the light was admirably adapted for student's puposes. In fact, it has been maintained that many cases of eye troubles have been actually cured by the use of the light. Gas light has a deadly effect upon plant life, while recent experiments have shown that the electrical light thus proves itself of great advantage to our health, and it is recommended that it should be used in every public building where it can be made possible. The time will come when the electric light will entirely supersede the gas and kerosene lamp.

The Assessment.

At the meeting of the board of revision and appeal, which was held in Kentville on Tuesday last, quite a number of appeals for excessive assessment, and for other causes, were disposed of. It was also shown that there existed, too, a number of cases on the rate-roll where parties are rated far below the actual value of their property—in some cases nearly if not quite 50 per cent. lower than what the properties are worth. It is strange that the assessors should so far forget their duty as to make themselves amenable to the law in this particular. Perhaps, in some cases they do not know the law on the subject. For their future guardance we beg to call their attention to sub section 10 of section 18 of the act of 1888, which says that "All real and personal property liable to taxation shall be estimated by the assessors at its actual cash value, such value being the amount which in the opinion of the assessors it would realize in cash if offered at auction after reasonable notice." The penalty for not assessing as the law directs is severe, and we may also quote with profit section 17 of the same act, which reads as follows:—"If any assessor or the officer acting under this Act makes any unjust or fraudulent assessment or wilfully or fraudulently inserts therein the name of any person who should not be entered, or fraudulently omits the name of any person who should be entered, or wilfully omits any duty required of him by this Act, he shall, upon conviction thereof before a court of competent jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Proof to the satisfaction of the court that any property was assessed by the assessor at an actual value greater or less than its true value by twenty-five per centum thereof shall be *prima facie* evidence that the assessment was unjust or fraudulent. An assessor convicted of having made any fraudulent assessment, shall

The New Temperance Hall.

For some time past the members of Wolfville Division, S. of T., have been looking forward with eager anticipation to the time when their new hall should be completed and ready for occupancy. The final arrangements were at length made, and on Monday evening last the members with a large number of invited friends and members of neighboring Divisions assembled to dedicate it to the grand work of Temperance. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with festoones of evergreens. Over the platform the word "welcome" appeared, formed of evergreens on a background of scarlet. On either end of the platform the flag of our Dominion appeared and were prettily draped. It was expected that the hall would be lighted with the electric light on the occasion, but the work could not be completed in time. In the absence of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. D. Lathern, who was prevented from attending on account of illness, the dedicatory service was conducted by Mr G. V. Rand, the only surviving charter member who has retained his membersip through the thirty-eight years of the Division's history. The very pretty and impressive service was gone through with in a creditable manner, and after a short intermission the programme of the evening was proceeded with. The first was an historical paper written and read by Mr H. Sidney Davison. This reviewed the history of the Division from its organization. This paper was carefully prepared, and well received. Miss Mamie Fitch then gave a violin solo, in her usual pleasing manner, and received an encore. The appearance of Miss Fitch is always hailed with pleasure and this was no exception to the general rule. Mr G. V. Rand was then called on and entertained the meeting with reminiscences of the early history of the Division. Mr Rand has been identified with the temperance work, ever since he became a resident of Wolfville, and his work has not been in vain. Next followed an original poem by Mr Edward Blackadder. The poem, which was prepared for the occasion, was a splendid piece of composition—testifying to the poetical talent of the author. Mr Burpee Witter, D. G. W. P., next spoke briefly of the present state of the Division. This was followed by addresses from Dr Henry Chipman, County Deputy; Mr H. Lovett, Deputy of Kentville Division; Mr F. W. Curry, Deputy of "Evangeline" Division, Lower Horton; Mr A. K. Forsyth, of "Maple Leaf" Division, Greenwich; Mr Yould, of Kentville Division; Mr C. S. Fitch, Deputy of Acadia Lodge; Mr McGivan, of Avonport; Rev R. D. Ross; Messrs J. W. Caldwell, Jas. Elder, of Wolfville Division. Mr Burpee Wallace sang "Anchored" in a very pleasing manner, and a quartette rendered "Pro Fundo Barso" and were encored. One of the very best pieces was a quartette, "Allow me to move a vote of thanks," which was very amusing and much enjoyed by all. During the evening apples were passed around and the meeting was brought to a close at a late hour by singing "My Own Canadian Home."

We are not Looking That Way.

Prof. Goldwin Smith is reported in the New York *World* as having said that Canadians would hail annexation with the United States as the best solution of the political situation. It is altogether unlikely that the Professor said anything of the kind. That he is an annexationist himself is well known; but he is also in so far as he is not blinded by his own prejudices, a truthful man, and no one conversant with public feeling in Canada can truthfully declare that a majority, or even a respectable minority, of our people favor union with the States from any cause whatever. The idea that Canadians have lost faith in there future because one Mercier has been proved to be, what he was always suspected of being a common plunderer; and because a few thieves have been caught and punished at Ottawa is too absurd. And even if our people were in dispair in regard to the future they would scarcely turn for relief to a nation which is the chosen home of corruption, and which first gave us Murphy, around whom centered almost all the rascality lately unearthed at the Dominion capital. No; after Prof. Goldwin Smith and his gloomy predictions have been forgotten, and long after Mercier and his gang of boodlers have ended their days in the penitentiary or exile, Canada will still be Canada, the home of a prosperous and happy people working out their own destiny in their own way.

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The Indian Tooth-Brush.

It is often remarked in India: "What beautiful teeth the natives have!" It is a fact that good teeth are constantly seen wherever we go. Even the poorest and dirtiest who would naturally we suppose neglect the care of the teeth, have often such a perfect set of "crunchers" that you cannot help stopping to admire them. The reason for such exceptionally good teeth may be that the Telugus live largely on *rice*; but I am inclined to think that the extraordinary care with which they look after them accounts for the whiteness and soundness of the teeth. Tooth brushing is perhaps the most important part of a native's toilet. The brush consists of a small *twig* the juice of which is bitter. In the early morning the river bank behind our house is lined with natives who spend some time in the process of tooth-brushing. In the villages the low veranda of the houses is frequently lined with those engaged in the same occupation. The Telugus believe that the juice is good for the liver, hence they bite and suck the end of the stick until they have secured a lot of this bitter juice, and until they have by chewing made the end of the stick a sort of fuzzy brush. All this is by way of preparation and may be done while the person is trying to get his eyes open and his yawning stopped after the night's sleep, or it may be done while he walks around to a neighbor's door to gossip. When the stick is ready he (or she) returns to the veranda or front door step. In a stooping posture with head over the gutter, and a brass jar of water by his side, he begins to brush his teeth. The process is nothing if not thorough, and occupies some little time. After cleansing the teeth the throat and tongue are cleansed and in a most peculiar way. The stick is bent like a horse-shoe, and then the two ends are held in the hand while the curbed end is inserted as far into the mouth and down the throat as is safe, when the hooked stick is used to scrape the *tongue*, roof of the mouth, etc. Frequently the tongue is projected as far as possible outside the mouth and the tongue-scraping goes on for some little time. It is also quite common to hear along the river bank loud sounds of choking which reminds one decidedly of a similar chorus commonly heard on board steamers in crossing the Bay of Fundy when the weather is rough. Probably the natives believe that a little spell of vomiting each morning is also good for the health and hence have that as a part of the morning toilet. This method of tooth-cleansing is thoroughly and scrupulously observed by all classes.

Is it not strange that a people who take such care of their teeth, and keep their mouths and tongues so clean should be proverbially given to *lying* and *foul* speech? They ought to have exceptionally pure tongues, one would suppose. But a man must have a clean heart before he can have a pure tongue.

W. V. HIGGINS.

Chicacole, Dec., 1891.

In Quebec.

The elections for the local House of Assembly, in Quebec, are to be held on 8th of March; nominations on the 1st. We can readily conceive that intense excitement prevails in the province of Quebec over the political whirlpool in force there. There are several issues involved in the discussion. A meeting of the Legislature should be held once in every twelve months, says the constitution. Relying on this provision Ex-premier Mercier expected to have an opportunity to have, from the Legislature, before dissolution, an expression favorable to himself and adverse to Governor Angers, which of course, would greatly assist him when the people were appealed to. The Governor however, assumed the responsibility of immediately dissolving the Assembly. And the constitutionality of this course is subject for controversy. It is claimed that tho' not strictly according to the letter of the constitution the spirit thereof has not been violated and as, anyway, the people have ultimately to decide, the less of party and personal agitation is allowed previous to that popular decision the better. It is claimed by some that whereas the report of the Royal Commission does not incriminate some members of Mr Mercier's government, some one of these untarnished should have been given an opportunity by the Governor to form a new Cabinet. A point of much importance just here is whether, the premier having been implicated in the report, the Governor's dismissal of the entire cabinet is not justified.

So far as it appears the judgement, in the investigation, of Judge Jette one of the commisioners, or his conclusion is not known. His illness prevented him from signing the report made, nor is it known that he was in agreement with the other two commisioners as to the verdict. This is an important item.

Perhaps it should not be objected to, the course of Governor Angers in asking a member of the Dominion Senate to undertake the task of forming a new ministry, rather than selecting one of the active local party politicians.

However the main question is now before the people to be decided at the polls; it is a question between the Governor and the ex-premier. That the fight will be a bitter, if not unscrupulous one, there is no doubt. All the resources of modern civilization as applicable to election purposes will probably be exhausted. It is a fight in which perhaps the English speaking portions of the electorate will hold the balance of power and hence the responsibility resting upon them will be increased.

However the matter may be regarded as affecting Quebec the people of other

Lines

Composed by a very young lady, on the death of a dear friend, Alice Demcey, who died of consumption at Waterville, December 18th, 1891, at the early age of 16.

When the leaves had lost their beauty,
Of the autumn tints so fair,
And by chilling blasts were scattered
Far and wide upon the air;

When sweet nature smiled but sadly,
Yielding surely to decay,
Then dear one, thou too didst wither,
Slowly, calmly sink away.

Can it be that thou hast vanished,
From time's lovely, rugged shore?
Can it be thy smile is banished
From my vision evermore?

Can it be thy form so youthful,
With thy bright, endearing charms,
Lies in yonder quiet church-yard,
Clasped secure in death's cold arms?

Is thy sweet voice stilled forever?
Alice, darling, can it be?
Just like a lovely, stainless bud,
In the full flush of maiden-hood.

She drooped, then faded day by day,
Till angels bore her far away,
We saw the health glow leave her cheek,
And faded luster of her eye

Though little deemed we that with dart,
Consumption crouched so closely by;
But ah! that piercing aim was sure
No hand could save, no skill could cure.

She sank beneath that fatal dart,
But oh! how patiently she lay,
Awaiting but the Master's call
To leave this tenement of clay.

She bade her father stay the tear,
In words of tenderest love and cheer,
Before her spirit soared away
She whispered low, "I'm going home."

"The Savour stands with open arms
To welcom me—He bids we come;"
One smile, one little fluttering breath,
The sweet blue eyes were closed in Death.

To mingle with the saints in bliss,
With loved ones round life's green tree.
Farewell, dear Alice, spirit blest,
So free from earth's mortality;

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So early found eternal joy,
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