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PROFESSOR FREEMAN SNOW reviews the Fish ery Question in the December number of the Forum. There is not much dependence to be placed on American "professors" as a general rule, but the Professor Snow here referred to, is evidently a clever man with a level head and "something beneath the breast of his waistcoat which answers to the name of conscience." One would think, remarks one of his critics, that Professor Snow, being an American, would naturally favor his own country. But he does nothing of the kind. He discusses the question calmly, without apparent bias, and decides upon it impartially. He finds that the claim of " prior right" set up by some American publicists is without foundation, that the contention that American fisher men have rights of navigation and trade in British American waters other than those accorded to them by the treaty of 1818 is not by any means unassailable, and that the position taken by the Americans on the headland question is not tenable. Professor Snow evidently considers that the American case has not a leg to stand on, and he recommends a Treaty of Reciprocity as the best means of settling the difficulty. He considers that such a treaty extending to fish and the produce of the soil would be of advantage to both Canada and the United States. The concluding paragraph of the article is well worthy the careful consideration of reasonable men on both sides of the national boundary. It is as follows:

"The two countries, the United States and " Canada, are too intimately connected by " position and by common interests to con-" tinue permanently at variance. If the coun-" sel of extremists on both sides were reject-"ed and that of more moderate statesmen " adopted, there ought certainly to be found " some basis of amicable settlement of the " dispute. When the differences are so radi-" cal as in this case, it will doubtless be ne-" cessary for both parties to yield something; " what and to what extent it shall be, it is for " the statesmen of the two countries to deter-

Her Fisheries and Fishermen. BY REV. R. HOWLEY, D.D.

(Continued.) Two inexorable laws attract fish to these ccasts. One is common to the whole race, and is the cause of the fulfilment of the other law, viz., that these coasts afford the proper breeding-ground for fish. The second law flows from that, and attracts each particular tribe of fish in relation to a smaller and weaker tribe. It is this, that each class of consumers finds here whereof to consume in its turn and degree. In a word, fish must come, to the end of time, to where food is; their food is where they themselves are, and they themselves are there where they must breed and multiply.

All the links of this icthyological chain have the ringbolt, so to speak, fastened in the banks and coasts of Newfoundland. After the spawn is shed, vivified, and developed into myriad darting forms, a monstrous system of depredation takes place in the waters. The devouring process stretches out from the shore, where the tiny caplin, and the herring, and squid in their turn, are hemmed in by the greedy cod. It spreads out to the banks, and to the broad ocean, where the cod himself is set upon and mashed by the jaws of great cean monsters. So a long chain of deglutition goes on; a telescoping, as it were, of fish upon fish. Near the showe the first joint of the tube (the smaller classes) is swallowed up by the next larger, and do on jout to sea, where the full grown cod (which our fishermen call the " bank fish," because he usually keeps out on the banks, a creature almost as large and strong, and quite as voracious as the shark) lies in wait to devour his brethren and cousins in every degree, and literally eats his way towards the shore. There he is often found later on in the season-in October and November-bloated, gorged, and apopletic. Upon the cod, sgain, as well as upon the smaller fry he pursues, rushes the greedy shark himself, the " bottle-nose," a small species of whale, the "pot-head," the porpoise, and all the big banqueters of the banks. So the vast marine procession moves in upon our shores every summer with the certainty and regularity of

[FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAM.] A PLEASANT EVENING AT BONNE BAY. BY MISS AGNES BROWN.

"GOVERNMENT

DEAR SIR,-Going towards the Colonial Building, on Friday last, I met a gentleman of

the legal profession, who, after exchanging the

usual Christmas greeting, blurted out, with a

strong flavour of sarcasm :--" Where are you

off to now: looking for Government pap?" I

replied, " No, sir," and passed on, musing on

the very significant and hackneyed expression

-"Government pap." Well, thought I, here

would be a chance for the parson. If he could

only get his fertile pen at work on this text,

what a sermon would he produce ! "Govern-

On Monday, the 19th December, Day Star Division of the Sons of Temperance held their first public temperance meeting of the season, in the Methodist Schoolroom at Shoal Brook. The weather was favorable and there was good attendance.

The chair was taken by Bro. John Campbell, W.P. The meeting was opened by the Division singing the hymn, "By Providence and Grace." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Bro. Darby, P.W.P., and a portion of Scripture was read by the Chairman.

all as to its nutritious qualities, for nearly all The Division then sang, "A Goodly Thing the lawyers, and other public men, who have s the Cooling Spring," after which the Chairlargely developed on this nutriment, exhibit man delivered an earnest and witty address wonderful physical proof of its generative and upon the action of Government towards disproductive qualities. I canuot think, however, ease and the liquor traffic. He vividly porthat too much Government pap, or that Govtraved the different reception accorded to a ernment pap wrongly obtained and irregularly ship with small-pox aboard, and to one loaded administered, is at all nutritious or wholesome. with rum-the one strictly confined in guaran-Over allowances, in the way of enormous tine, the other welcomed with acclamation. salaries and Railway and Fishery Commissions, He illustrated his address by the following are not productive of good physical or moral anecdote :--Going, upon one occasion, through results. The political gormandizer may grow the streets of a sea-port town, he saw, on the sleek and fat on Government pap; but we shall front of a house, a placard containing the have to put down for him, at the very lowest words "danger here." He was informed by a calculation, a tare of 75 per cent. for what is policeman, parading near, that the "danger" phlegmatic and out of harmony with true was small-pox. On each side the infected hygienic law. Yes, sir, Government officials dwelling were liquor stores, but no warning of develop wonderfully on "Government pap;" the danger lurking behind their imposing and but they simply develop into wonderful physialluring frontages-a danger far more deadly ological problems, that cannot be solved by and more fraught with evil to body and soul. anatomy or any other science. The small-pox danger was there in spite of the

It is wonderful, too, how this phrase-Government-the liquor danger there under "Government pap"-is perverted and misthe protection and fostering care of the same applied ! The pick-and-shovel man-the hard-Government. working mechanic, or fisherman, who gets an The chairman was followed by several songs occasional four shillings for a hard day's work, and recitations by members of the Division : is the recipient of "Government pap," while Sister Rosalie Tuff gave a recipe for "Von the luxurious and avaricious lawyer, who, Glass of Contradiction ;" Bro. J. F. Laing told under false claims for public service, draws us how " Jim minded (and blackened) the thousands of pounds from the people's funds, Baby;" Sister Campbell read, "The Battle is, forsooth, a very independent gentleman? There is, too, a very noticeable irregularity Cry;" Sister Browne recited an original piece, in the disbursement of "Government pap." entitled, " How Natty Armitage Geet a Neet's Some "fare sumptuously every day," like the Lodging for Nowt;" and Sister Wight, "How rich man of old : others are the Lazaruses, con-She Exchanged Good Clothes for Ragged ones tent with the very " crumbs." The disparity by the kind Assistance of Alcohol." Sister cannot, in any way; be reconciled with the Browne's impersonation was rendered in the principles of honesty and justice, and a day of Lancashire dialect, and gave rise to much retribution and of rectification must certainly mirth.

PAP" THE CASE OF REV. H. J. WOOD. Editor Evening Telegram.

He Replies to the Vestry of Trinity Church.

Editor Evening Telegram.

SIR,-In Wednesday's issue of your widelycirculated journal I observe a very insinuating note, over the signature of the "Chairman Investigating Committee." I think it would be wise and prudent to ignore such a vindictive and malicious correspondence, only it is of the most serious conclusions. The very serious charge referred to is simply the following :- During Revd. Mr. Suckling's absence from St. John's in 1887, and during ment pap !" Well, there can be no doubt at the time I was in charge of Trinity Church, I expended-positively for church purposesabout \$20 (twenty dollars) that I cannot account for, and for which I have declined to become responsible. It is unfortunate for me perhaps that I was not more particular in making notes of my proceedings in connection with Trininy Church, and while I am willing to admit a measure of neglect in this particular, I am clear in consciousness of having done my duty honestly, and faithfully, both in the administration of the Church and in the disposition of the moneys entrusted to my charge.

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The first intimation I had of any such decision was when I took up your paper last night. Yours truly,

H. J. WOOD. St. John's, Jan. 5, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

A LETTER from Mr. A. B. Morine, on the currency question, will appear to-morrow.

A MONTHLY meeting of the St. John's Typographical Union will be held at eight o'clock this evening. A full attendance is respectfully requested.

THE Allan steamer Peruvian did not go out till twelve last night. She took from this port seventy tons of copper ingots, 400 quintals of fish and 500 boxes lobsters.

MRS. WALSH'S East End restaurant accommodated a very pleasant gathering, the other evening. A "stock-taking supper" was given there by the proprietor of the Manchester House to his employés and their lady friends. be fast approaching. At a time of a general The party numbered twelve, and it is needless to say that they enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. The catering was admirably done by Mrs. Walsh and her efficient corps of assistants. [FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAM.] FAREWELL, OLD YEAR! Farewell, Old Year, farewell to thee, Thy pleasures and thy pains: Of all the days which bore thy name, Not one, alas! remains. Thy days—for-some, so bright and fair; For some, so full of gloom, Of death and woe, all now alike Are sunk in mem'ries tomb. Some will thy days with love recall, Oh, vanished Eighty-Sev'n! To them thou'st brought a new-born joy-Thy precious gift, from heav'n. But some there are, and oh! their name Is legion, who will think With pain of thee, whose hand gave them The bitter cup to drink. Farewell! why should I blame thee now? Thy reign on earth is o'er! A bright New Year now takes thy place : Farewell for evermore! IVY. t. John's, New Year's Day, '88. [FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAM.] HAIL, BRICHT NEW YEAR! All hail, thou bright New Year! Come with loving hand to cheer All who pine in sorrow here From the tyranny of Fate: Bring dear Terra Nova wealth Bring her suffering children health, And we'll bless thee evermore, sweet Eighty-Eight. Fair and radiant is thy face, As thou com'st the earth to grace, And from sadden'd hearts to chase Gloomy mem'ries of the past; Oh, how many look to thee For renewed prosperity. Wilt thou not be bright and prosperous to the last? Then, we greet thee once again, Trusting firmly that thy reign Will not be so fraught with pain, As the year just passed away; But that o'er our Island Home Beace and plenty wide will roam, While thou! sweet Eighty-Eight, shalt hold thy sway. St. John's, New Year's Day, '88. IVY. MARRIED. On the 2nd inst., at the residence of the bride's mother. Harbor Grace, by the Revd. T. H. James, Eugene F. Taylor, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Richard Hall, Esq., of Pool, England. DIED. At Summerside, P. E. Island, on the 23rd December, Arthur P., aged 45 years, eldest son of the late Mills, of Brigus. On the 5th inst., Miss Mary Joy; funeral on Sunday at 2.30 o'clock, from her late residence, Gower Street; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ENTERED 5-Peruvian, Stephen, Halifax, 3 days, Shea & Co -650 brls flour, 14 pkgs poultry, inward cargo. Vidonia, Wilson, New York, 16 days, Bowring Bros-2060 brls flour. CLEARED. -Peruvian, Stephen, Liverpool, Shea & Co-253 bxs lobsters, 7 casks furs, 276 bxs copper, 452 qtls fish, 14 casks soapstore, inward cargo. Spark, Skardon, Pernambuco, Bowring Bros-3482 qtls fish.

OPENING OF THE SKAT-ING CARNIVAL.

THE opening of the skating carnival in the Parade Rink last night, by Professor Bennett, was the occasion of a brilliant fête. A large and select assemblage was present, and the " promenade of the acmes" was an endless panorama of graceful movement and interesting sight-seeing. Youth and beauty, with their attendant cavaliers, were in the hey-day of enjoyment; pleasure's cup has seldom held such rosy draughts. "And when music arose with its voluptuous swell, eyes looked love to eyes that spoke again; and all went merry as a marriage bell.' And so the hours glided by, for even old Time passes as swiftly on those occasions as if he had thrown away his scythe and fastened on a pair of skates. Ten o'clock came all too soon, the "National Anthem" sent forth its stirring strains, as Bennett so well knows how to interpret them; and in another quarter of an hour silence and darkness fell upon the spot.

Sociable and Dancing Assembly.

THE sociable and dancing assembly of the Junior Benevolent Irish Society in St. Patrick's Hall, to-morrow night, promises to be an enjoyable affair-one in accordance with Irish traditions of keeping up the festivities of Christmas, which conclude with Twelfth Night. The feature of the conversazione, which takes place for the first two hours, is original and admirable. The dancing begins at 9.30 p.m. and when it is added that Mr. Pattersen furnishes the viands, and Professor Bennett the music, enough has been said to ensure a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" the best of their kinds. . ANINGUT

DERARTURE OF THE "FALCON."

THE steamer Falcon sailed north at 12.30 o'clock last night. She took an immense cargo, the largest ever shipped coastwise, some of which was piled on deck. Twelve passengers in the saloon and over fifty in the as a purely scientific paper. Let us now turn large proportion of this coin must have been in steerage embarked for various settlements. A great deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed at the steamer starting at such an unreasonable hour, especially as no notification had been given to that effect.

THE fine pianoforte, which is one of the standard prizes of the Orphan's Bazaar, will be lotteried in the Star of the Sea Hall next. Wednesday. There are a few tickets undisposed of, and amongst them may be the fortunate one; who knows which will carry off this luxurious requisite of the drawing-room.

the solstice. So it will and must go on for ever. From the "tomcod,"* "jigged," on the point of a pin from the head of Hoyles' Wharf, in the harbor of St. John's, to the giant gadidæ prisoned far out at sea in the nets of French and American bankers, or trapped by their " bultows," all is one vast cubic system of fish multiplied and heaped up upon fish. Nowhere else in the universe is the fatal law so exemplified that life preys upon life, and the strong devours the weak.*

One word here, to confirm all the above. about the " banks of Newfoundland," concerning which the popular notion is so hazy. Some believe them to be fog-banks; others, sandbanks, appearing over the surface of the northern Atlantic. Few but fishermen and physiologists of the ocean know the true nature of those deposits, and their close connection with the biology of fish. The best description we have read of the banks is given thus by a colonial author-

"These banks, which have played such an important part in the history of the colony (Newfoundland), and are the chief source of its wealth, stretch for about three hundred miles in a south-easterly direction towards the centre of the North Atlantic, and probably at one time formed a part of the North American continent. The depths range from fifteen to eighteen or twenty fathoms. The deposits consist of sand and gravel composed of ancient rocks and fragments of quartz, mica, hornblend, felspars, and magnetite; along with these are many calcareous fragments of echinoderms, polyzoa, and many foraminifera. In the deeper parts there is sometimes a fine mud containing the above-mentioned minerals and calcareous fragments, and in addition numerous frustules of diatom. The banks are swept by the cold Labrador current, and icebergs are frequently stranded upon them. The Gulf Stream passes over their southern portions. These two currents bear along many species of pelagic algæ and animals which supply abundant food to the myriads of echinoderms, molluscs, annelids, cœlenterates, and other inveriebrates which live at all depths on the banks. These invertebrates in turn supply food to the

cod and other fishes which are sought by the fishermen."† So much may suffice for a notion of the fish. his habits and habitat, as this is not intended

our attention to the Newfoundland fisherman. *The small fry of the cod (locally tomcods) may be "The small try of the cod (locally tomedas) may be easily caught thus—any number of them. The caplin may be scooped up from the beach in a dip-net, or even netted in a pocket-handkerchief. Many a handkerchief full the writer has taken. "Jigging" means hooking fish without using bait; by chance jerks of the bare hook. Fish are so abundant here that plenty of them

re thus caught. The average annual value of the various fisheries of †The average annual value of the various fisheries of Newfoundland was as follows from 1880 to 1883: Cod fishery, \$6,034,242; seal fishery, \$1,026,396; herring fish-ery, \$581,543; salmon fishery, \$114,505; lobster fishery, \$104,184; other fish, \$40,000. Total annual average value for the three years, \$7,901,370. In the same three years the French took fish on our coasts to the annual value (exclusive of their bank fisheries) of \$279,436. Yet we may say that the Newfoundland fisheries are only beginning to be developed. (To be continued.)

election, when political changes are desired, Bro. Browne, Stipendiary Magistrate, gave there is no lack of the nutriment, either in an address on the subject "Indifference is solid material or in visionary promises, but Guilt," urging upon those present the duty very frequently unfeeling sarcasm and sneering retort are the only reward for the most faithful and necessity of combining together to put and self-sacrificing political service. the temptation to drink beyond the reach of Persons with strong party and religious pre-

their children and weak brethren. judice are not the best qualified for the ad-Bro. Darby, P.W.P., gave a short address ministration of "Government pap," or for the administration of that science of Government on the two ways of looking on the acts of upon which so materially depends the health drunken men-the ludicrous and the sad. In and prosperity of the commonwealth. illustrating the former, he told some highly

amusing stories—one, in which a drunken Scotch laird, on his way home, having to go through a brook, had the misfortune to fall from his horse into the water; and, not one wit sobered by the bath, shouted to his servant, "Somethings fa'en 'i the watter, Sandy," who replied : "Ye may weel say that, laird, its versel." Hout, Sandy," said the laird, "its no me; I'm here." In bringing home to his audience the sad side of the picture, he re-

lated one of Gough's pathetic stories, showing cents. I want to have an act of the Legislathe fearful sufferings which the liquor traffic ture passed to that effect. I want to pass an entails upon innocent children. This recital of auto da fe, or Act of Faith, compelling all to the sad death of a young lad from the blows go to my church and hear my old sermons dealt by his drunken father, brought tears preached all over again. I want-in short, from many an eye. I want, sir, to abolish civil and religious liber-The Division then sang the hymn, "Sound ty in favor of Yours truly, PROGRESS.

the Battle Cry," and the meeting was brought P.S.-You know my real name-don't mento a close by the benediction. tion it? We are thankful to report that the first year St. John's, Jan. 5, 1888.

of our existence as a temperance society has NOTE FROM AN M.D. been one of success and encouragement. Al-

most every session witnesses the initiation of new members; and, if it were not for the dire SIR,-For the benefit of your readers I will poverty that exists in our midst, many others thank you to publish the annexed excitation would join us. We have a good Band of Hope, worked by members of the Day Star. Division, which steadily increases in numbers and interest.

Bonne Bay, St. Barbe's, Dec. 21, 1887.

THE CURRENCY DIFFICULTY AGAIN

Editor Evening Telegram.

two on the currency difficulty. The holders of Canadian and American silver should insist on getting timely notice, for the reason that a possession of the banks quite lately, as all the change required by the trade is obtained at their counters; and, further, to determine if this order is not illegal and very likely to seriously hinder the circulation of money amongst the people, and stop that free intercourse that is so desirable between inhabitants of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and the other Maritime Provinces. This notice of the banks reads more like an old admiralty order than a 19th century document. Yours, &c., TRADER.

St. John's, Jan 5, 1888.

LOADING. 30-Crystal Stream, Europe, Baine, Johnston & Co. Spinaway, Europe, J Murray. Jany 3-Stella, Europe, J & W Siewart. is strongest constitution in the world in time." Little Vixen, Europe, P & L Tessier.

from a late Canadian newspaper, as the practice referred to therein is a very common one in Newfoundland. I am not chemist enough to be able to specify how the effect is pro-

Editor Evening Telegram.

Yours truly,

WHAT I WANT.

"Not what I wish, but what I want,

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possible. I want to run one paper and edit

another. I want to stop everybody from

quoting their goods except in dollars and

DEAR SIR,-I want to be as numerous as

Let Providence supply .- Old Hymn.

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M.D.

St. John's, Dec. 30, 1887.

duced, but presume it is by an exhaustion of some vital element of the air we breathe. Yours truly,

St. John's, Dec. 31, 1887.

SIR,-I desire to make another remark or 'ago. Kerosene lamps 'half turned down ' "than is absolutely necessary; and when

' flame rather than the dangerous diseasebreeding deadly ' half turned on ' light that poisons the air and that would shatter the

"Winter is at hand and with winter comes " the kerosene lamp and with the lamp may " come diphtheria. At least that is what the " New York Board of Health said some time

" in a close unventilated bedroom will pro-" duce an atmosphere that is simply deadly. Whether it causes diphtheria or not we leave " for the doctors to decide, but the opinion of ' the New York Board of Health cannot fail " to open the eyes of the people to the danger " of allowing kerosene lamps to burn longer

' they are burning it is better to have a full

