# The North Star.

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## THE NIHILIST'S PLATFORM.

It is a wretched party that cannot produce a platform if necessary; and this is true of the Nihilists of Russia, as it is of the *Globe* Grits of Canada, or the Blair malcontents in this Province. We have a copy of the Nihilist's lately published platform before us, and as our readers can see, it is little, if any, worse than the system which Russia calls the Government of the State.

1. "A regular representative Assembly elected by universal suffrage.
2. A full local self-government of all provinces, districts and townships.
3. The village commune, an independent economical and administrative unity.
4. The land to be declared State property.
5. A system of measures aiming at the transmission of all factories and workshops to co-operatve associations of working men.
6. Full liberty of conscience, of speech, of the press, of associations and meetings.
7. Universal suffrage without limitation as to class or property.
8. Abolition of the standing army and institution of a national militia."

All the clauses, except "5" would pass muster in the most enlightened State on the globe. The means whereby it is hoped to gain these, are revolting, including terrorism and murder. Emboldened by their success in killing the Czar, the society has resolved to organize all over the Empire, to kill spies, and Government agents set to watch them; to murder all the prominent officers of the Government they can lay hands on, and never cry hold till the country is reclaimed from the hands of the oppressive nobles.

One thing seems certain to us, Alexander III. may as well try to control the ocean tides, as the spirit for freedom and the desire for equality with the subjects in other nations, which are every day growing in Russia. His best course now is to give the people a liberal education, then when they are prepared, give them a constitution like that which other civilized nations enjoy. Give them a national assembly and let nothing be supreme in that assembly but the will of the people. Alexander may resist this, but resisting it, what might be accomplished in peaceful ways, will come through revolution and bloodshed.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS—OUR STREETS.

(No. 5.)

The management of the Public Square is one of the most incomprehensible things in our town affairs. We see by the list of parish officers, that three gentlemen have been appointed a committee for this square. What their duties are we have been unable to learn. They seem to be a kind of ornamental appendage to the beautiful park, with its gushing and sparkling fountain, its shady trees, gravelled walks, and flowery avenues, which are the pride and glory of Chatham town management.

That the town should keep a public cow pasture, and fence it in such a manner as not to give too much inconvenience to the cattle in getting in or out, may speak well for the kind feelings of the people to that very useful animal, but is a striking commentary on the bogus bye law lately published, which sought to banish the cow from our beautiful streets forever.

As to the lamps which light our streets at night we do not care to say much. They are not very plenty. They can be seen, sometimes, the one from the other. They may serve to show that lighting the town is possible, and that with proper management lighting the streets might be successful.

This service costs the town three hundred dollars a year. It is part of the police tax, we believe, and is paid to the gas company. We can certainly see no benefit in having these lamps as they are now, lighted during the winter. Then they are of no practical use; they serve no purpose; they are not required. In the summer time, they are insufficient. Then why not increase the number of lamps? and by discontinuing the use of them during winter, the sum we pay at present would give us twice as many lights during summer!!

If the piece of land adjoining No 1 Engine House belong to the town it might certainly be fenced in or rented. But as this property is a part of our fire department we will not deal with it at present.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have gone to St. Petersburg.

## HOME AGAIN.

"Home again, Home again,
From a foreign shore, etc."

Our member Mr Snowball is either on his way home or has arrived. Other men would be ashamed to come, but it seems he is not. Yet he knows he was elected to serve the people; and that he has served only himself. He knows when an old gentleman in Alnwick said "He will do like Hutchison beyond," that he promised on his word he never would, and said that if he ever did he would give the people the liberty, and they had the right to call him a *Deceiver*. He said if his interests ever clashed with the peoples interests, his should give way. He knows he has broken his word, and that his interests did clash with his duty to the people—and *that the peoples interests had to go to the wall*. He knows that having broken his plighted word the people will never believe him again

He was in Ottawa when the House first opened, but then no business was done. After the Christmas holidays he hied off to England, and when he returned the work of the session was over. All the other members had told before the House what their counties wanted and had obtained their grants. Sir Leonard Tilley had closed his item list before Mr. Snowball got back, and so nothing was got for Northumberland save a small sum through the pity of a friend of the county.

But when he returned, though the work was over, he might have informed the Commons that we wanted a telegraph line from here to Escuminac, but he never opened his mouth upon the subject; he might have said a word for the Escuminac breakwater, but he was still dumb; he might have pointed out that Newcastle wanted a new post office, but still the oracle was silent; he might have said we should have an extension of the steamer mail service to Chatham, but never a word did he say; he might have pointed out that our oyster beds are are becoming rapidly denuded and ought to be aided by a Government grant, but he kept his mouth shut. He merely got up and made a splash about Crab Island Light, and an incoherent and ignorant reference to the fish hatchery. This is Mr Snowball's seasons work,—and still his friends say, "He has has not made up his mind whether he will run again or not!"

## RUSSIA'S WOES.

Russia is full of strange rumors. The peasant goes home to his cot at night and tells of direful plots to extinguish Royalty, and overthrow established government. It is whispered that the genius of revolution is abroad, telling men to get up and throw off the yoke. Every day reveals dynamite, or trains—so they say.

And there is perhaps not much reason to doubt the stories, for telegraphic communication has been stopped, in several places, and fast as wires are put up, they are cut down by unseen hands. The new Czar's life is threatened, and now for the first time young Alexander feels the truth of the Shakesperean saying,

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

## CLOSING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament of Canada was closed by his Excellency the Governor General at one o'clock Monday. The speech was a mere piece of formality, and we are sure our readers will pardon us for not troubling them with it. Though several members had gone home before the closing, out of regard for the interests of his County, Mr. Snowball remained till the very last moment! He is something like a representative!!

## A PROPOSAL.

Ireland's sympathizers in Montreal, offer to build a house for Davitt, and present him with a purse, if the Government will let him come to Montreal. If this should be granted, then we have little doubt but the next election Davitt goes into the Dominion Parliament, and takes the place of Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

It is now believed that it was the policemen themselves who put the 40 lbs. of powder under the Mansion House. Those who hide find, saith the proverb.

Mr Lawson of the London *Telegraph* has Mr Labouchure of London *Truth* in Court for assault. Labouchure met Lawson on the street, and pounded him.

Sir John A. McDonald paid off Mr. Snowball on Saturday, so we may be sure he will not be very long in Ottawa now.

The new Czar will be crowned at "Imperial Moscow" when the period of mourning is passed.

Barones Burdett Coutts is very ill.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have another letter on hand referring to Mr Geo McLeods late howl in the papers, but it is not worth while publishing it. We believe the public know as well "what manner of man" Mr McLeod is, as the STAR or its correspondents can tell them. We never shall introduce private matters into newspaper discussion but so far as Mr. McLeods commercial dealings are public, he is known to be one of the most cross-grained gentleman in the country. He will never pay a rate, or a tax without "contesting it," and the fact is that the officers prefer letting him go to bothering with him. We believe he is the most contrary person Hon Mr Adam has to deal with, and he has given every Surveyor General yet with whom he has had business, no end of trouble and worry.

We have received copies of the various Departmental Reports of the Dominion, and as we have time in future issues, shall give digests of important matters contained in them.

We learn from Fredericton that Mr Black says the Local Legislature is too circumscribed now for the exercise of ability. He probably intends returning to his Debating School.

There were 33,000 persons exiled to Siberia last winter. There is a humane Czar for you!

The Local Legislature will probably rise to morrow, if not then some other day this week.

It has leaked out from Russia that the officers are now torturing Russakoff the regicide.

The King of Sweden is dying.

## OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

CONCLUSION OF GRAND SOUTHERN DEBATE.

WILLIS—Followed from where we ended in our last, but he said nothing of any consequence.

BLACK—We notice was not satisfied with Mr. Hazen's too good report of his speech, so he wrote it out himself and had the entire dose to re-appear in the *Telegraph*.

BARBARIE—Who tried to persuade members of the Government at the opening of the session, and when he thought the Solictor Generalship was dangling, that he had "never voted against them, and never would again," followed the St John member. He said the House was not to determine the points of law: the question was between the Gov't and the country. This was argument well worthy of the Opposition's policy. But Mr B. is rather a joker than a reasoner. The house likes to hear him to have a laugh. He said for example,—

"The *Telegraph* to day says the sense of the House is largely with the Government. Is it meant to say there is no sense on the other side? perhaps the sense referred to was the bad sense."

HILL—Took up the argument next. He said the Grand Southern road is not now complete owing to the action taken by the Upper House last session, because several months delay grew out of this, pending the decision of the Government, and but for that delay the road would now be graded. The rails are now laid upon the road and trains have run the whole length of it, and only a few months will be required to finish the ballasting. Hard frost set in early in November last year, but ever after that ballasting progressed. The government claimed he said the company was an existing one, and they were therefore under a legal obligation to pay the subsidy. Some of those who granted the legal contention of the government, were only spinning cob web ropes when they took other ground.

WOODS—Said last year he was opposed to the Railway, and was opposed to all such railways yet; but the present question with the government was a question of legal obligation, not a question of policy—and he would therefore in no sense support repudiation

LYNOTT—Said the Grand Southern had been a nightmare to the Leader of the Opposition since he sentered politics. The course of the Leader of the Opposition would be traced by wrecked hopes and blighted ambitions, chiefly brought about by his mania for opposing the Blacks satchell of notes and figures it Grand Southern. It was urged last year that it was a bogus concern, but the fact is that to day there are laid on the road steel rails with the bolts and nuts worth more than the whole Provincial subsidy and in addition, buildings are up; the road is largely graded and bridges are erected.

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—Followed Mr. Lynott. He said the government had no cause to complain that the question had been brought before the house, and consequently before the country. Last year so much sound had been made over this question, that the people fancied that it had come up for the first time, and that the company was asking for the grant rather than the Extension of a Charter. Second thought begot a revulsion of feeling, and that feeling showed that the morality of public sentiment set itself against repudiation. Some members had said the House would would have heard nothing about the payment of the subsidy, but for Blairs amendment? But why need they be told about it, he would ask, in a special way. The Debentures issued under authority of law; and there was the end of it. But the House was not ignorant of the payment for a full statement of the issue of debentures was contained on page 263 of the Auditor General's Report. We believe this statement was in answer to an insinuation drawn out of Mr Blacks satchell. And speaking of the appeal to the 16 who voted against the extension of the charter, he said:—

He was was struck with the pathetic reference to the 16 who voted against renewing the charter last year. The time had not long passed when some of these were accused of being weak kneed and he could not understand by what transformation they had become vested with such dignity by the opposition. The leader of the Opposition talked about the 16 sustaining the rights of a free people and the echo from Westmorland repeated the sentiment. Last year among the 27 were Willis and Ritchie who like Casca with his dagger rent the mantel of New Brunswick despite the tears of speakers on the question, while on the other side the leader of the Opposition gave a silent voice. He was surprised at the references to Mr. Davidson for if there was a man whose course in the House had been outspoken it was the member for Northumberland, at whom the stone was thrown by one whose position for two years was known by no one.

A Voice—Do you mean Mr Elder?

Hon. Mr. Wedderburn—No. When it suited their purpose the Opposition stated Mr Elder's eminent abilities qualified him for a seat in the Government, but now they hurl an insult at him by their whip across the floors of the House. Mr Elder's course has been most honorable and consistent. The member for Westmorland rises the great luminary of the age, and the members listened to him as

* * * The wonder grew
That one small head could hold the all he knew."—[Applause.]

And though the question is before the courts he would have decided on his own unaided illimitable common sense. Only a few days ago the same member voted his entire confidence in the Government, though he knew, as he since stated, they had mis-spent $224,000 contrary to the principles of responsible Government. Touching the payment of subsidy and the Governments "legal advisers" he said, There is no foundation in the charge that the Government acted under the advice of an American lawyer, but they acted in the first place under that of the Attorney General whose interpretation of the law was the same as that contained in the judgment of Mr Justice Palmer. And then with emphasis and indignation he denounced the doctrine that because a Legislature cannot be sued it may refuse lawful payments with impunity; that because it is above the reach of the law, it therefore may shut its eyes to justice. These are his words:—

The doctrine that because a government cannot be sued it should refuse to do justice and equity would be a disgrace to any Government, but it would be the duty of the government to throw off that imaginary divinity that doth hedge a king and do what is fair between man and man as far as New Brunswick was concerned. He trusts she would keep the skirts of her garment free from the defilement of such a doctrine for ever and ever. (Applause).

The Governments amendment to the amendment was then carried 24 to 12.

FRIDAYS PROCEEDINGS.

There was a discussion in committee on the St John Bridge Bill. Much of the objectionable matter had been eliminated and progress was reported.

A Bill to incorporate the St Croix Cotton Company was agreed to. This cotton manufactory will give employment directly and indirectly to hundreds. The annexation organ of St. John, opposes it. The old story of the cur yelping after the chariot wheels of Progress.—ED. STAR.

A Bill to authorize Gloucester County Council to exempt certain industries—starch factories etc., from taxation for a certain period passed.

In supply the item providing for a provincial assayer came up. Hon Mr Wedderburn said it rested with the house whether they would grant it or not.

White, who is in opposition, because the government did not care about purchasing him before the session, thought the government should have taken a stand on the question.

After other discussion $250 was granted.

On the item for contingencies Gillespie thought the government might make some satisfactory arrangement about the public printing.

White thought the members ought to buy their own stationery; but the sentiment of the house is not yet quite as mean as White is.

On the item for a Librarian coming up, Mr Blair asked if the government would provide a building for the books; to which Hon Mr Wedderburn replied that the government would ask for a suitable grant next summer. Some members thought new books should be purchased: and some that many of the present books were trashy. So they are we say because the library committee are in a large measure without taste and culture, and it is scandalous to have such old foggies catering to the tastes of the province. Why are there not two or three young men, say College graduates on the committee?; are the tastes of young people to be judged by people who prefer a work on misanthropy, on gout, or on lumbago to what young people want to read? Let young and old be represented; but first some five or six hundred of the volumes on the shelves should be burnt. Of the modern authors there is scarce a standard word there, and the results of modern arts and sciences, are simply ignored. We are too disgusted with this matter to write about it further—ED STAR.

Hon Mr Landry explained that the Government had purchased the Woodstock Bridge. He was followed by Mr. White who complained about the expense for repairing that bridge, and said it would always be a leech, and the Government had better build a new one, etc.

Leighton followed and said all the money expended on the bridge had been serviceable. Mr White and Mr Leighton, though both from Carleton, are always squabbling. If one support the Government, the other must eventually drift into Opposition. They remind you of two farmers quarrelling over a "line fence" or a "paster," and who are always telling mean little things on one another. We like neither of these men. They are positively obnoxious to us.—ED. STAR.

Mr. Leighton moved the House go into committee on a bill to provide for building a railway from Woodstock to a point at or near Harvey Station. This he contended would shorten the distance to St John by 30 miles and develop a fertile tract of country. A long discussion followed as to the mode of dealing with the bill. The first section passed and progress was reported.

ABOLITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The following is a copy of the Provincial Secretarys bill providing for the abolition of the Legislative Council:—

*Whereas*, By the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, it is enacted that in each Province the Legislature may exclusively make laws *inter alia* in relation to the amendment from time to time of the Constitution of the Province, except as regards the office of Lieut. Governor;

*And Whereas*, It is desirable that in this Province there should be an amendment in its Constitution by making provision for dispensing with the Legislative Council;

*Be it therefore enacted* by the Lieut. Governor, etc., as follows: "That from and after the passing of this Act the Legislative Council of this Province shall cease to exist, and the Legislature shall thereafter consist of the Lieutenant Governor and of one House, to be styled the Legislative Assembly of the Province shall, until otherwise prohibited, be composed of forty-one members as at present, who shall be elected and returned in accordance with the provisions of chapter 4. of the consolidated statutes of election to general assembly, etc."

The House of Assembly existing at the passing of this Act shall, unless sooner dissolved, continue for the period for which it was elected, and during the time of its existence be the Legislative Assembly referred to in the first section of the Act. The next section provides that an Act passed after the passage of this Act be declared to be enacted by the Lieut. Governor and Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, notwithstanding all the Acts passed during the present session shall be declared to be enacted by the Lieut. Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly.

SATURDAYS PROCEEDINGS.

After a mass of the usual St. John work had been cleared away the Surveyor General's bill to erect a new parish in Nelson came up. Hutchison thought a new polling place would be sufficient; Mr Davidson thought if the people wanted the parish divided let it be divided. The Survey or General said they did want it divided and he could see no reason in principle or in practice why it should not be divided. A lengthy discussion followed, Mr Blair putting in his "oar" though he knew nothing about the matter.

Progress was reported.

The South West Boom Company's bill praying for an extension of their exclusion privileges came up. The Surveyor General opposed it so did Mr Davidson. The bill has passed.

We will publish the discussion in next. Progress was reported.

There was further discussion on the Harvey railroad, and the House not having a quorum, the Assistant Clerk counted the members out.

MONDAY.

Mr Elder moved a resolution. Its substance was the desirability o. Geo. E. Fenety, Esq., further continuing his "Political Notes," and providing that the Government guarantee him an assurance of indemnity against possible pecuniary loss.

We are glad that the resolution has been brought in, but wish a member of the Government had brought it in. Is it in order? Does it not provide for a possible expenditure of money; and has a private member the right to bring in such a measure? The speaker ought to hunt up the rules, though we notice he has always been timid about questioning the propriety of Mr. Elder's motions. This is we suppose because Mr. Elder has the *Telegraph* at his back. We feel glad to see the people stand in awe of the editor, but at the same time rule and precedent ought to be followed even though an editor try to violate both. Perhaps we are wrong in our view of this matter. Let us say, however, we hope the resolution will pass.—ED. STAR.

(To be Continued.)

(Special to STAR.)

FREDERICTON, March 9.

The Bill relating to the South West Boom Company, passed the House last night, after a lengthy discussion.

[We are delighted to learn by our despatches, that Hon Mr Landry has decided to let the Senate off.—ED. STAR.]


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## LOCAL MATTE

**Freezers**

Messrs R. D. Southwood of N tle, are manufacturing fish freeze J. U. Loggie & Co., of Chatham

**Hotel Dieu.**

The collection taken up at the Cathedral on St. Patricks Day f nns of the Hotel Dieu reached $1

**To Advertizers**

We are obliged to hold over Sutherland and Creaghan's adve ment of spring and summer goo next issue.

**Hurt by a Birch Limb**

A young man named Swete wo for Messrs Murray in the lumber w was engaged chopping in one of th storms: a dead birch limb, blown struck and felled him to the earth. was severely injured.

**Jubilee.**

We see it stated by some of our changes that the Pope has issue Encyclical letter proclaiming a j to extend from March 15th to 1st ember in Europe, and to the end year in the rest of the world.

**The Streets.**

Now then surely, scows or would be a luxury on some of our st Parties of men too, coming fro woods, cover the foot-paths and co and insult ladies, and jeer at the id as they pass. Last fall sometim saw the police, but not since. If ever come into town, they ought to prevent at least the *grossest indece* from taking place on the open str and in the open day.

**Game in the Lumber Woods.**

Lumbering parties from the Re say that foxes were plenty there winter; and that several brought into the camp of Lynch and Carthy. Beaver is also plenty no from where the parties operated, little attention is given to hunt There are a few hunters camps to found here and there on the u waters of the Miramichi, and in is generally some hunter who goes i fall with his gun and traps, and does come out till the spring.

**Vennor and the Weather.**

Much as Vennor has been ridic his predictions have been not far the mark several times this winter predicted heavy snow-falls for Su and Monday, and in some quarters have been heavy snow storms. He there will be "one cold dip" yet; that, "March will end with rain slush."

**A Lecture.**

A Fredericton paper says "Mr R Adam's lecture on Ireland past and sent, in Chatham, Patrick's Eve, is to have been quite a triumph for young gentleman."

All true with this difference, that Adams did *not* lecture in Chat or anywhere else on St Patrick's Ev

**Nelson Briefs**

Mr Gorman is building a fine reside He will use the building when finis also as a business stand.

Mr Daniel Baldwin of Douglasfield putting up a building for business poses. It will soon be completed.

Daley's Hotel is filled with pu coming out of the woods. Mr Dale a popular hotel keeper.

**Business Notes**

Mr Peter Loggie has commenced up his mill.

Mr Alex. Morrison is also repa and improving his mill.

Mr. J. Forest of Chatham is fit up Hutchisons mill for next seas operations.

Mr Jas Desmond intends opening general business store in the Winn bu ing the coming summer.

Mr Maher of Halifax, will open variety store here in the early summe is said.

Messrs Staples & McAllister Newcastle intend opening a variety s in Chatham in a few days. We are these gentlemen will get their shar public patronage.

**Lower Newcastle Notes.**

A correspondent writes us from L er Newcastle: There was a very teresting entertainment in the Sc House, District No. 5, Wednes evening last. The programme con ed of songs, reading, recitations, Reading by Mr Robert Snow "The p tical joker;" recitation by Master Ja Currie; song by W. J. Nugent, America;" songs by John McHardy Andrew Irving, "The Baeutiful To Song and clog dance by John Cu song by John Cassidy, "Larry O'G There was a large audience present the performance was very well appreci and app lauded throughout.

**Provincial Tobacco**

A number of Frenchmen from K chibouguac, Kent, were in town other day, and went into Mr Strang buy enough tobacco to bring t home. They did not like the "bo ten tobacco" they said as well as t "own raising." On being interog by a STAR reporter they stated that along French River they raise their tobacco, plant the seeds in spring, in the autumn pluck and dry the lea Thousands of pounds of excellent to co leaf is so raised, and when it is d it is equal in strength and flavor to best imported tobacco. Very few the people spoken of chew—and "t own raising" supplies the smoking mand.