

THE BULLFROG.

personality on the part of the *Chronicle*—a proceeding which is part of “the best conducted paper in Nova Scotia,” and should not fail to impress strangers with the highest respect for the intelligence of Nova Scotians. For our part, we feel something akin to trepidation, while contemplating the subtle intelligence of a community, every member of which is expected to discuss with critical acumen the merits of a wager between two leading journals on so delicate a question as that of personality. We should not indeed have noticed this great question, had not one of the belligerent journals referred to it to “a body of impartial gentlemen,” such as the managers of the *Bullfrog*. We, therefore, proceed to sum up the merits of this great case with the diligence and impartiality of a Judge upon the bench—feeling assured that upon our righteous judgment depends, in no small degree, the welfare and happiness of the readers of the warring papers for all time to come.

The first personality quoted by the *Unionist* has reference to the *Chronicle's* assertion that “*Dr. Tupper and Mr. McCully may be friends from the teeth outwards, just so long as it is necessary to carry this scheme.*” This is merely a figurative way of saying that the present coalition between these two great men has been entered upon with a definite object. So far—nothing personal. The *Chronicle* is next charged with calling someone a *deacon*, a proceeding which is silly, and indicative of extreme bad taste. The next paragraph is somewhat more amusing. “*Mr. McCully may have the power to knock out his mother's brains, but the act, if done, would be murder nevertheless.*” So we should imagine: the illustration is not one we would ourselves employ, but it is apt and to the point, inasmuch as the taunt conveyed has reference to the sudden overthrow of a constitution which has been the parent of the Honorable gentleman's Provincial greatness. The *Unionist* writer detects a personality in the expression “*political humbugs.*” We are sorry for this—we see nothing personal in it. The *Chronicle* is next blamed for “holding up one of the delegates to ridicule, under the soubriquet of *Mrs. Garrulous*, and another as a *good deaconess*,” in which epithets the *Unionist* describes an attack upon somebody's “wives or daughters.” The conservatives of England might, with equal justice, declare themselves insulted because the *Herald* and *Standard* are invariably spoken of as *Mesdames Gaup & Harris*—nay more, Lord PALMERSTON might object to being nicknamed “the bottle-holder.” We must declare our conviction that the *Unionist* has not fairly won the hundred guineas, although we have won something in an increased appreciation of the intense littleness of those who would seek to instruct the public mind of Nova Scotia. We have e'er now been accused of sneering at our public men, and it is possible the accusation may be renewed. Whose fault is this? What sensible man can, day after day, wade through column after column of such rubbish as we have quoted, without entertaining a most profound contempt for such school-boy politics as are daily wrangled over by men aspiring—heaven bless the mark—to greatness. For such men this Province is wide enough.

STARTLING INTELLIGENCE.

The young men of this Province must be well nigh ready to faint under the extraordinary weight forced upon their unwilling shoulders by the Hon. J. McCULLY, M.L.C. Let our readers judge for themselves:—“Young men of Nova Scotia, we have arrived at the turning point of the history of this British America of ours. * * * The issue is with you. The fate of a “mighty empire, the grandest and the greatest the world has ever witnessed depends upon the solution of this proposition, the answer to this simple question—SHALL THERE NOW BE A UNION OF THE PROVINCES?”

To what “mighty empire” does the Hon. gentleman allude? It cannot, surely, be that of Great Britain, of France, of Russia,

or of the neighbouring States. We confess ourselves puzzled. That there is some “mighty empire,” the fate of which depends upon the young men of Nova Scotia, the Hon. gentleman clearly believes, otherwise he would not have alluded to it as the “greatest the world has ever witnessed.” We really feel no small anxiety as to Mr. McCULLY's meaning. We are conceited enough to fancy that the empire whereof we are citizens—viz: the British empire, is, all things considered, one of “the greatest the world has ever witnessed.” Can it be possible that the fate of the whole British empire depends upon the views entertained by juvenile Nova Scotians upon the “simple question—shall there now be a Union of the Provinces?” But, let us hope that Mr. McCULLY does not refer to Great Britain, but rather to France, Russia, or the neighbouring Republic. Mr. LINCOLN has e'er now, doubtless, heard the sad news by telegraph, and as the head of (in his opinion) the “grandest and greatest empire the world has ever witnessed,” he must be in a state of the most feverish excitement. Well, he knows the worst. But the news cannot yet have reached LOUIS NAPOLEON, or the AUTOCRAT of all the Russias. Another month must elapse e'er we can learn the effect which the startling assertion of the Hon. Mr. McCULLY, M.L.C., NOVA SCOTIA, will produce in the capitals of Europe. Mark the Hon. gentleman's words “the fate of a mighty empire,” depends upon our acceptance or rejection of the Federation scheme! Young men of Nova Scotia, “the issue is with you,”—it rests with you to declare, whether the “grandest empire the world has ever witnessed,” shall, or shall not be annihilated. Young men—be careful—the happiness of the whole civilized world is trembling in anticipation of your nod! Should Mr. McCULLY's genius not be recognized throughout Europe, “the threatened storm-cloud referred to by Lord DERBY, big with mischief, already bigger than a man's hand, bursts upon your devoted country.” Young men be warned in time—the issue is with you, at least, Mr. McCULLY says so, and Mr. McCULLY is—an “honorable” man.

JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE.

We have before us the first number of this valuable periodical, which reflects much credit upon all connected with it. It promises to supply a want long felt by the agricultural population, and it will, we have little doubt, materially advance the farming interests of Nova Scotia. We subjoin the opening article of the March number, which explains the objects of the Journal:

“In presenting the first number of the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE to the Farmers of Nova Scotia, much preface is not required. The publication is issued in terms of a provision of the Act of last session, which empowers the Board of Agriculture to publish a quarterly or semi-annual journal for the diffusion of Agricultural and Horticultural information adapted to the condition and circumstances of the country.” These plain and explicit terms indicate sufficiently the nature and general aim of the publication.

One of its principal objects shall be, to make known, from time to time, the operations of the Agricultural Board, and the steps that may be taken to promote agricultural improvement. Farmers in the most distant parts of the Province, ought to be equally well informed on such matters with those more favorably located, so that they may participate in the encouragements offered. The proceedings of the various Societies that have been, or may be, organized under the Agricultural Act, will likewise form a prominent feature of the publication. But while it will thus contain a considerable amount of official matter and intelligence, it is intended that its columns shall be chiefly devoted to the publication of useful information on the science and practice of farming.

In order to supply this kind of information, recourse might be had to various sources. Valuable assistance might be obtained from the researches of scientific men, and the experience of agriculturists in other countries, in the British Islands, in our neighboring Provinces of New Brunswick, Canada and Prince Edward Island, as well as in the Northern States; and we shall not fail to draw, to some extent, upon such fertile sources as these. But it is necessary that the information offered should be thoroughly adapted to the climate, circumstances, and present requirements of Nova Scotia. Whilst therefore we may profit largely by looking over the fences of our Canadian and

American neighbor most useful to the Province and chief to be hoped, therefore our efforts; but w of knowledge.

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