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Our Country, with its United Interests.

Newcastle, N. B., Wednesday, February 23, 1876.

EDITORS & PROPRIETORS.

WHOLE NO. 433.

WINGS & SLEEVES
 Latest finished and ready for
 LARGE AND SPLENDID
 SORTMENT OF
WINGS AND SLEEVES
 LATEST STYLES AND
 WORKMANSHIP
 CHEAP FOR CASH
 CALL AND EXAMINE
W. ROBINSON & J. ANSLAW,
 Marriage Stock, Various
 FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH

CANADA HOUSE,
 HATHAM, N. B. Proprietor.
 WM. JOHNSTON, - Proprietor.
 Considerable outlay has been made on this
 house to make it a first class Hotel, and
 travellers will find it a desirable temporary
 residence both as regards location and comfort.
 It is situated within two minutes walk of
 the wharf. The proprietor returns
 thanks to the public for the encouragement
 given him in the past, and will endeavor by
 courtesy and attention to merit the same in
 the future.
 Good Stabling on the Premises.
 May 12th, 1873. 14 ly

WAVERLY HOTEL,
 NEWCASTLE, N. B. Proprietor.
 This House has lately been refurbished, and
 the most desirable arrangement made to ensure
 the comfort of travellers.
**LIVERY STABLES, WITH GOOD
 OUTFIT, ON THE PREMISES.**
 ALEX. STEWART,
 Proprietor of Waverly House, St. John's.
 Newcastle, Dec. 2, 1874. 3

ROYAL HOTEL,
 (Formerly Stubbs)
 PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,
 OPPOSITE CUSTOM HOUSE,
 ST. JOHN, N. B.
 T. F. RAYMOND, Proprietor.
 Dec. 22nd, 1874. 34 ly

**M. ADAMS,
 TOWNY & BARISTER
 AT LAW.**
 CONVEYANCER, &c.,
 NEWCASTLE, N. B.

**NOTARY PUBLIC,
 CONVEYANCER, &c.,
 THAM, N. B.**

**WM. A. PARK,
 NOTARY AT LAW, SOLICITOR,
 OIL CHROMO, &c., &c.,
 NOTARY PUBLIC,
 WYELANCER, Sc. Sc.**

**M. S. BENSON,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, June 16 1874.**

**JAMES J. ANSPRENGER, Sc.
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, June 16 1874.**

**ESTEY AND BROWN,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, July 19, 1873. 21**

**C. B. FRASER,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, N. B.**

**CHARLES J. DAVIS,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Fredericton, N. B.**

**THOMAS B. PEACE,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, N. B.**

**MATHESON & CO.,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 New Glasgow, N. S.**

**W. H. KNOWLES,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, N. B.**

**J. J. CHRISTIE,
 Notary at Law, Notary Public,
 Chatham, N. B.**

**W. & R. BRODIE,
 GENERAL
 COMMISSION MERCHANTS
 AND
 DEALERS IN
 Flour, Produce and Provisions,
 No. 16, ARTHUR STREET,
 Next the Bank of Montreal,
 127 ly QUEBEC.**

**J. & W. REID,
 PAPER MAKERS & GENERAL STATIONERS,
 No. 40, ST. PAUL STREET, No. 40,
 QUEBEC.
 MANUFACTURERS OF
 Machine Made Paper Bags, Blank Books, &c.
 Dealers in all kinds of
 Paper Stock and
 Paper Makers' Supplies,
 Room Papers,
 Roofing Materials,
 Scrap Iron & Metals,
 Naval Stores.
 March 12th, 1874. 13 72**

**HOSSACK, WOODS & Co.,
 IMPORTERS OF
 STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES,
 Manufacturers of
 STEAM CONFECTIONERY,
 FANCY BISCUIT, AND OIL PASTE BAKING.
 PROPRIETORS OF
 QUEBEC COFFEE & SPICE STEAM MILLS,
 22 Notre Dame St. (lower town)
 QUEBEC.
 March 12th, 1872. mar13 72**

**WHITEHEAD & TURNER,
 (Awarded First Class Prize at the
 Industrial Exhibition, 1871.)
 Manufacturers of
 CORN BROOMS, DUSTERS,
 And all descriptions of
 HAIR AND FANCY BRUSHES,
 LOWER TOWN,
 QUEBEC.
 March 12th, 1872. mar13 72**

**T. R. JONES & Co.,
 Canterbury Street, - ST. JOHN, N. B.,
 Importers of Every Description of
 British & Foreign Dry Goods,
 -AND-
 MANUFACTURERS OF CLOTHING,
 Home spun, Horse Blankets, Larvaksins
 FURNISHING GOODS,
 The best assortment of the most
 Provinces for Country Stores, Lumbermen, Mill
 Owners, Railway Contractors, &c.
 Wholesale. - - - Terms Liberal.
 July 1, 1874. 21 v**

**S. F. SHUTE,
 Direct Importer of
 Fine Watches, Rich Jewelry, Electro-
 Plated Ware, Clocks, Fancy Goods, &c.,
 Orders Solicited, and goods sent to
 responsible parties on approval.
 WATCH REPAIRING, in all its branches
 promptly attended.
 AGENT for the "Flourace" SEWING MA-
 CHINE, and "Lazarus & Morris & Co's"
 PERFECTED SPECTACLES.
 S. F. SHUTE,
 Queen St., Fredericton,
 Dec. 22nd, 1873. 21 v**

**JAMES S. NEILL,
 Importer, Wholesale & Retail Dealer in
 Hardware, Glass, Paint, Oil, Turpen-
 tine and Putty
 CHAS. C. CARLYLE,
 Jan. 29th, 1874.**

**TO MILL OWNERS I
 THOMAS B. PEACE,
 Of New York, a Practical Saw Manufacturer
 of 20 years experience, has just opened a
 SAW MANUFACTORY
 IN CHATHAM,
 where all orders from Mill Owners in the
 Northern Counties will receive prompt
 attention.
 Repairing made a Specialty.
 A fine assortment of saws of all kinds ex-
 pected in a few days.
 SHOP - WATER STREET,
 May 19, '75. 1712 CHATHAM, N.B.
 1875.**

**W. H. KNOWLES,
 LADIES' SARTOGA TRUNKS,
 In Zinc and Leather; Gent's Extra
 Bound do. do.; Solid Leather Over-
 land Trunks and Valises; Canvas,
 Embossed & Comp. Packing Trunks,
 and Trunks of every description
 made to order; Ladies' Reticles and
 Shopping Satchels; Gent's Pail Bags;
 Boys' School Satchels.
 Will be sold at exceedingly low
 prices, for Cash.
 W. H. KNOWLES,
 Trunk Factory, 49 Germain St., St. John.
 Receipt Books,
 Draft Books,
 Notes of Hand.
 Usually kept on hand or printed on order.
 J. J. C.
 13 ly**

**M. K. MORRISON,
 WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN
 DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
 PROVISIONS, GLASSWARE,
 WOODENWARE, HARDWARE,
 BOOTS AND SHOES.
 And a variety of other Goods suitable
 for general use.
 AGENT for the Steamer City of St. John,
 DALHOUSIE, N. B.
 July 13, 1875. 1y**

**MITCHELL & CO.,
 GENERAL
 COMMISSION MERCHANTS
 -AND-
 SHIPPING AGENTS,
 22 & 23 - - - - COMMON STREET,
 MONTREAL.
 August 29, 1874. sep 9**

**W. H. NAPIER,
 BATHURST VILLAGE,
 In preparation to attend to Auction Sales in
 town and country at shortest notice.
 Bathurst, May 14, 1875.**

**NOTICE TO BUILDERS.
 R. BLAKE
 Has now in full operation, his ROTARY
 STEAM SAW MILL for the manufacture of
 DIMENSIONED LUMBER
 OF ALL SIZES.
 DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS &c.
 LUMBER PLANED & MATCHED.
 Arrangements will shortly be made for the
 manufacture of
 Shingles & Clapboards.
 Orders respectfully solicited.
 ALL WORK WARRANTED TO GIVE SATIS-
 FACTION.
 Chatham, Oct. 19, 1874. 21**

**THE Subscriber respectfully announces
 that he has opened a new Shop near
 the Ferry Landing, CHATHAM, where he is
 prepared to execute, in the very best style
 of workmanship, all kinds of
 MILL WORK AND GENERAL JOBBING,
 having obtained improved machinery for
 that purpose.
 Moringing Machines, & Hand Circular
 Sawing Machines,
 for Joiners use, made to order.
 JOHN THORNTON,
 Chatham, May 19, 1875. 1y 19**

**D. MACEE & CO.,
 Manufacturers of
 HATS, CAPS & FURS,
 Wholesale,
 51 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.**

**D. MAGEE, M. F. MANKS,
 April 21st, 1874. 23 ly**

**MAIL STAGE.
 THE Subscriber has received the Contract
 for carrying the Mails between the
 RAILWAY STATION & BATHURST POST OFFICE,
 AND IS PREPARED TO CARRY
 PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE TO
 MEET ALL TRAINS.
 MEET ORDERS left at his residence will be
 attended to.
 THOS. A. HARRIS,
 Bathurst, Nov. 15, 1875. 1y 17**

**NOTICE! NOTICE!
 The Subscriber begs to intimate to the inhabitants
 of Newcastle and vicinity, that he has opened a
 BAKERY
 with every facility on CASTLE STREET, adjoining
 the Store of James White, and is now prepared to
 furnish all kinds of
 PLAIN, FANCY
 -AND-
 ORNAMENTAL BAKING
 to all who may patronize him, and trusts by
 producing a
 FIRST CLASS ARTICLE,
 EQUAL IN EVERY RESPECT
 to that obtained abroad,
 To receive a liberal share of patronage in this
 community.
 HENRY WYSE, JR.
 Newcastle, 7th Sept., 1875. 8**

**GLASS! GLASS!
 IN STOCK:
 1000 BOXES GLASS,
 Assorted Sizes.
 JUST RECEIVED:
 4 TONS W. LEAD, A I;
 40 barrels RAW and BOILED OIL, 6 bbls.
 TURPENTINE; 2 tons PUTTY.
 WHICH WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.
 BLAKSLIE & WHITENECT,
 Oct. 9, 29 Germain St., St. John, N. B.**

**DENTISTRY.
 D. A. BAXTER,
 DENTIST!
 Intends leaving BATHURST for DALHOUSIE
 the FIRST OF JANUARY, where he will
 remain FIVE WEEKS ONLY.
 Will be in CAMPBELLTON the FIFTH OF
 FEBRUARY, and CHATHAM the FIRST
 OF MARCH, for a short time.
 December 21, 1875. 22**

**FIRE BRANCH.
 ROBERT MARSHALL'S
 FIRE AND MARINE AGENCY.
 ST. JOHN, N. B.
 Applications may be made to the following
 Representatives.
 NEWCASTLE - A. A. Davidson, M. Adams.
 CHATHAM - T. F. Gilchrist, W. Wilkinson.
 BATHURST - Anthony Ratley.
 DALHOUSIE - George Halloway.
 RICHBURTON - H. Livingston, J. D. Phinney
 July 13, 1875.**

**Imperial Fire Insurance Com'y
 OF LONDON, ESTABLISHED 1803.
 Capital and Cash Assets exceed £2,000,000.
 The Etina Assurance Com'y,
 INCORPORATED 1819.
 Cash Capital and Assets over \$6,000,000.
 The Hartford Fire Insurance Com'y,
 INCORPORATED 1801.
 Cash Capital and Assets over \$2,500,000.
 BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY,
 ESTABLISHED 1838.
 Capital and Assets \$600,000. Its funds are
 invested in unadventured securities.
 PHENIX COMPANY OF BROOKLYN,
 ESTABLISHED 1853.
 Cash Capital & accumulated fund \$2,000,000.
 Dwelling Houses, whether built or
 under construction, as well as Furniture,
 contained therein, insured for terms of one
 or three years, at lowest rates. Steam Saw
 Mills, Vessels on the stocks - or in port.
 Warehouses, Merchandise and Insurable
 property of every description covered on
 the lowest possible terms.
 ROBERT MARSHALL,
 GENERAL AGENT, NOTARY PUBLIC AND BROKER.
 March 23, 1875. 30**

**The Citizens' Insurance Com'y.
 FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE.
 Capital, \$2,000,000.
 HEAD OFFICE, - - MONTREAL.
 SIR HUGH ALLAN, President.
 IRA CONWELL, Gen'l Agent.
 Every description of Insurance ef-
 fected at lowest rates on application to
 A. F. ALEXANDER,
 Agent for North Shore,
 Bathurst, Nov. 3, 1875. n3 ly**

**B. WILKINSON,
 MILLWRIGHT AND ENGINEER.
 Mill Work of all kinds attended to.
 ORDERS FOR
 Iron and Wood Working Machinery
 WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.
 All necessary information given.
 RESIDENCE - Near the Court House, Newcastle,
 December 7, 1875. 3mpd-8**

**TAILORING.
 The Subscriber is prepared to
 MAKE UP
 GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING
 In all the Latest Styles.
 NEW FASHIONS CONSTANTLY RECEIVED.
 SHOP - In the building owned by Mr.
 Jos. Hays, fronting the Square, NEWCASTLE.
 ROBERT WEIR,
 December 7, 1875. 8**

**NOTICE.
 W. J. WILLIAMS,
 PHOTOGRAPHER!
 HAS OPENED HIS NEW BUILDING,
 PUBLIC WHARF, NEWCASTLE.
 Choice Stock of SEWING MACHINES,
 Picture Frames, Mouldings, Steel
 Engravings, &c., &c.
 Which he will sell at his usual Low Prices.
 PHOTOGRAPHS
 of all sizes, in the latest Style of the Art.
 512 PICTURES EXPID AND ENGRAVED, and nicely
 Framed, VARY GREATLY.
 In connection with the above we are running an
 Oyster and Dining Room,
 where Oysters and Meats can be obtained at the
 SHORTEST NOTICE.
 W. J. WILLIAMS & CO.
 November 23, 1875. 24**

**MIRAMICHI FOUNDRY,
 Water St., - Chatham, N. B.
 GENERAL
 IRON AND BRASS FOUNDRERS,
 MANUFACTURERS OF
 STEAM ENGINES, BOILERS,
 AND MILL MACHINERY.
 Ship, Plough, Sca, Cemetery, and every
 description of Castings.
 CONSTANTLY ON HAND AN ASSORTMENT OF
 Cooking, Hall & Parlour Stoves.
 ORDERS may be addressed to JAMES W.
 FRASER,
 W. J. FRASER, Proprietor,
 December 15, 1875. 15**

**SHIP CHANDLERY GOODS
 MILL SUPPLIES, STEAM PACKING,
 &c., &c., &c.
 Constantly on hand.
 FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH
 ROBT. B. PATTERSON,
 Chatham, May 19, 1875. 16**

**RESTIGOUCHE & BONAVENTURE
 All Business connected with Auction
 Sales in these Counties will receive prompt
 attention. Goods and produce sold on
 Commission.
 Dalhousie, Oct. 30, 1872. 1y nov10**

**Selected Literature.
 LOVE'S VICTORY.
 BY R. L. FARFORD.
 Published by Harper Brothers.
 SCENE THE SECOND.
 IN BELGRAVIA.
 CHAPTER IX.
 A DECLARATION OF LOVE.
 "It has been in my mind for a long
 time," he continued tenderly, "to ask
 you the question to you - to ask
 you to bestow upon me the greatest
 happiness which can ever be mine.
 Believe me, I would not ask you, if I
 were not confident of the future - but
 that shall speak for itself. I have
 lived a lonely life, Laura, and have
 seen my youth slip past me without
 love, without thought of love. But
 when I saw you, a new light dawned
 upon me, and I thanked God for it.
 I saw my life spreading out before
 me, fairer and more beautiful than I
 could have ever hoped it would be,
 with one by my side whom I could
 love and cherish. Still, if I had not
 had some flattering expectation, I
 should have been silent. I have a
 lover's feeling, although I am not a
 young man, and when upon your last
 birthday - but a few days since - I
 sent you some flowers, and saw on
 the next day and the next that you
 seemed to find a pleasure in wearing
 them, I - forgive me for so doing -
 took it as a sign, and it made me
 happy."
 With pain she learned that it was
 he, not Richard, who had sent her
 the flowers she had prized so highly.
 They were lying in her desk now -
 she had said to herself that she would
 never part with them. What bright
 garlands for the future had she not
 woven out of the faded leaves. She
 had spoken to them, and kissed them,
 blushing as she did so.
 "May I say more, Laura?"
 In a low tone she answered his
 question by another. "Have you con-
 sidered the difference in our posi-
 tions?"
 "You know the story of our dis-
 honor," she said, in the same low
 tone.
 "Your father has made me fully
 acquainted with the story of his life.
 I know that his brother was guilty of
 a crime, and that that crime blighted
 your father's career. Your dishonor!
 It is mockery to call it so. Does
 justice demand more than its due?
 Because my father committed a crime
 for which I was not accountable,
 shall men shrink from me and avoid
 me as though my presence were con-
 tamination?"
 "It is the world's fashion," said
 Laura, sadly, with her father's suffer-
 ings in her mind.
 "It is cruel - it is unjust," exclaimed
 Mr. Armstrong, warmly. "If I live
 a pure life I am entitled to the respect
 of men. Not in this way shall the
 sins of the father be visited upon
 the child. See, Laura, how your
 only objection has melted away. -
 Never was my life so bright as now.
 You will be my wife?"
 Not reluctantly, but as it seemed to
 him soft and modestly, as he would
 have had it, the answer came,
 "Yes!"
 On her part the sacrifice to duty
 was made; on his part, the most
 precious prize the world contained
 was won. He inclined toward her
 with eager tenderness, and pressed
 his lips upon her hand. As he did so
 he heard a slight cough behind him.
 It came from Mr. Fangle, whose
 head was within the curtains, and
 who saw the simple career. Mr.
 Armstrong went at once to him, and
 closed the curtains upon Laura, who
 overcome by emotion, sank into a
 seat by the window. He felt that at
 such a moment she would wish to be
 alone.
 "Be gardo," said Mr. Fangle,
 with another cough, "but I thought
 you might be there, and I popped my
 head in. Hope you don't think I in-
 tended to intrude."
 "Not at all," replied Mr. Armstrong,
 with a bright smile.
 "Shouldn't have done it, if I had
 known; but I saw nothing, I assure
 you. Mum's the word!"
 "If you did see anything, I am
 sure you will not mention it."
 Mr. Armstrong had no desire that
 what had taken place should be the
 present be known. He had settled his
 plans, and had decided how and in
 what way he would make the engage-
 ment public. The garden entrance, the
 moment of which Mrs. Chappell had
 spoken of, he considered, affording
 him a fitting opportunity of present-
 ing Laura as his future wife, and he
 resolved to wait until then.
 "Mention it!" repeated Mr. Fangle,
 with fervor; "it was a fine thing to be
 taken into Mr. Armstrong's confi-
 dence. 'Not for worlds! Not for
 worlds!'"
 A few yards from them stood
 Richard and Mrs. Fangle in earnest
 conversation. Richard's face was
 radiant, and Mrs. Fangle was
 fervently watching her husband and
 Mr. Armstrong. She was anxious that
 they should move away from the cur-
 tains, so that Richard might speak to
 Laura without attracting observation.
 Something in Richard's manner ap-
 peared to nettie Mr. Fangle, and he
 said, fretfully,
 "Mr. Armstrong, oblige me, and
 look at that young gentleman."
 "Who? Mr. Barton?"
 "Yes, sir. Have you observed how
 he has been courted - idolized - how
 every body here bows down to him?"
 "He is a great favorite," said Mr.
 Armstrong, with an amused obser-
 vance of Mr. Fangle.
 "I know it - I see it. Tell me, then,
 where justice is to be found?"
 "Not commonly in a ball-room, I
 should say. But I do not quite un-
 derstand you."
 "Compare us. There - money -
 here - brains. Money is smiling,
 well-dressed, courted, idolized, while
 brains is reduced to its 'stress-coat.' -
 It is a fact, sir; I am reduced to it. I
 haven't another coat in the world -
 being the least worn, it has outlived
 the others."
 "I regret to hear it; but surely,
 when your invention is completed -"
 "Ah, then, of course - but that little
 screw still bothers me! I almost for-
 got. Mr. Chappell, asked if I knew
 where you were; that's why I stopped
 my head between the curtains. I
 think he wishes to speak to you, con-
 cerning a rumour about a ship called
 the Golden Rover."
 "If there is any information about
 the ship, it should be in the last
 edition of to-night's Moon."
 "I have sent for the paper; it will
 be here presently."
 "I will go to Mr. Chappell."
 "You will excuse me for that little
 affair," said Mr. Fangle, nodding his
 head toward the curtain as Mr. Ar-
 mstrong was walking away. "You
 may rely on my discretion. I saw
 nothing, believe me. Mum's the
 word."
 CHAPTER X.
 A DECLARATION OF WAR.
 The revolutions of feeling through
 which Laura had passed during the
 last hour were so strange and start-
 ling that she was grateful to be alone
 with her thoughts. They were sad
 enough, and her heart was aching
 very sorely, but she did not doubt
 that she had acted rightly. This was
 the first great sacrifice she had ever
 been called upon to make, and she
 had made it freely and willingly, from
 a strong sense of duty. Bitter as it
 was, it did not completely crush her,
 her dream was over, and love had
 gone out of her life; but she would be
 strong, and live through her days
 bravely, and no one but herself
 should know the truth. She would
 do her duty by the noble gentleman
 to whom she was now irrevocably
 pledged, as she had done her duty
 by her father, whom he had raised
 from shame. The thought of that
 generous act, and of her father's joy
 at the union, brought some comfort
 to her. Her great fear was that she
 should not be strong enough, and
 that her weakness would betray her.
 She determined to school and keep
 watch over her self, for her father's
 sake and for the sake of the man to
 whom she had given her hand. Her
 honor demanded that she should do
 so. She would cast aside all thought
 of herself, and perform her part in
 the sad drama with courage and re-
 signation. Yet with all these high
 resolves, it was to be forgiven her
 that she should allow her thoughts
 to dwell for a brief space upon the
 dream in which she had indulged.
 Questioning herself, she was at first
 unable to decide whether she really
 hoped that Mrs. Fangle was
 wrong in the idea that Richard loved
 her. It would be best so, she said,
 after some sad self-communing, and
 yet it pained her to think it might be
 so. The she was angry and in-
 dignant with herself that she should
 feel pained to know this. Why
 should she wish him to be unhappy?
 Why should she not be grateful for
 learn that her heart had whispered
 false hopes to her - as false as, sup-
 posing they were true, they were
 now impossible of realization. She
 was not aware that her eyes were
 filled with tears, and that, had any
 person seen her face, he would have
 seen her misery there. She was fight-
 ing a hard battle with herself, and
 was fighting it bravely; but a deep
 wound had been inflicted upon her,
 and she could not help feeling the
 anguish of it. She placed the two
 men side by side; they were equally
 good, equally noble and generous;
 but she loved the one, and did not
 love the other. She shuddered at
 this treason; and reproaching her-
 self for her wickedness, resolved to
 think of Richard no more. At this
 moment, her name, uttered softly by
 the man she loved, almost stopped
 the beating of her heart. She made
 no movement, and again Richard
 spoke her name.
 "Laura!"
 The tenderness expressed in his
 voice brought such mingled joy and
 sorrow to her that for a moment her
 strength deserted her. Only for a
 moment; the next, a sudden flame
 came into her face, a sudden flame
 strength came into her soul.
 "Laura, I have a word to say to you."
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**Dominion Parliament.
 Ottawa, Feb. 14.
 The public accounts came down to-
 day for the year ending 30th June,
 1875.
 Receipts on account of consolidated
 fund for 1874, \$24,285,092.94. Re-
 ceipts for 1875 - \$24,848,715.08.
 The total loans for 1874 were \$34,
 103,499, against \$38,869,625 for 1873.
 Customs receipts for 1874 were \$14,
 000,000, against \$15,000,000 in 1875.
 In round numbers, aggregate re-
 ceipts from open account amounted
 to \$3,498,377, as against \$1,237,772
 in 1874.
 The total receipts were \$22,036,617,
 as against \$29,930,791.
 Expenditures for 1874 and 1875
 were: 1874, \$23,316,306; for 1875,
 \$23,713,071.
 The net debt of the Dominion to
 end of fiscal year was \$116,000,000,
 against \$108,000,000 of the previous
 year.
 Expenditures on open account, \$11,
 109,246, against \$9,233,087 for 1874.
 Of this expenditure the net debt at
 close of the fiscal year 1875 was about
 \$75,000,000.
 Ottawa, Feb. 15.
 At a caucus of the Government sup-
 porters yesterday morning, the feel-
 ing towards the Ministry was quite
 warm. The French Liberals did not
 stand by Mr. Holton's attitude on the
 Post - Master General's speech -
 Mr. Holton himself agreed to let the
 matter drop. He intended to have
 brought it up again by resolution.
 Mr. Blake, Minister of Justice, will
 move to-morrow for the House to go
 into committee on the whole, to con-
 sider the resolutions fixing the salar-
 ies of the Nova Scotia County Court
 Judges at \$2,000 dollars, and that
 of Halifax County Judge at \$2,400,
 the actual travelling expenses not to
 exceed \$200 per annum. After a
 period of three years' service the six
 above Judges to receive \$2,400 per
 annum.
 Ottawa, Feb. 16.
 The Speaker took the chair at 3.15
 to-day.
 After routine business, during
 which the Hon. Mr. Blake gave no-
 tice of two bills, one to make a pro-
 vision for the appointment of Ins-
 pectors of Penitentiaries in the Provinces
 of British Columbia and Manitoba,
 and the other for the collection and
 registration of statistics of prisons in
 Canada.
 Mr. Mills gave notice of a motion
 for the appointment of a select com-
 mittee to enquire into the present fi-
 nancial depression in the country.
 The hon. gentleman made a lengthy
 speech, in which he said it would be
 important for the committee to learn
 how far the commercial and financial
 depression was in the control of the
 Legislature.
 Sir John A. Macdonald opposed the
 views of Mr. Mills and thought his
 motion would be equivalent to a
 vote of want of confidence in the
 Government, and the matter should
 be left in the hands of the Minister
 of Finance to treat of in his budget
 speech.
 Mr. Young supported the views
 of Mr. Mills in a speech of con-
 siderable length.
 Mr. Irving (Hamilton) opposed the
 appointment of the committee in a
 satirical speech and his opinion was
 concurred in by Mr. Workman, whose
 committee to enquire into the present
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 depression, and the matter should
 be left in the hands of the Minister
 of Finance to treat of in his budget
 speech.
 Mr. Young supported the views
 of Mr. Mills in a speech of con-
 siderable length.
 Mr. Irving (Hamilton) opposed the
 appointment of the committee in a
 satirical speech and his opinion was
 concurred in by Mr. Workman, whose
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 depression, and the matter should
 be left in the hands of the Minister
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The *Free Press* says with reference
 to the absence of Geoffrin, that while
 anxious himself to be in Ottawa, it is
 the opinion of his friends that he had
 better keep away from the turmoil
 of the session as his health is not
 perfectly restored. The Premier is
 of the opinion that he should not run
 any unnecessary risk, and that the
 proposition of his resignation would
 not be entertained.
 A deputation of members waited
 on the Ministers of Finance and
 Customs yesterday, to urge the ad-
 visability of affording increased pro-
 tection to native industry.
 The deputation was courteously
 received. The Ministers did not
 state the views entertained by the
 Government, but promised that the
 subject would be duly taken into
 consideration.
 The caucus of Opposition members
 was held to-day, when the political
 situation was fully discussed.
 It was finally decided not to test
 the strength of the parties in the
 House unless favorable complications
 should arise during discussions on
 the budget.
 The French Conservative members
 showed a desire to push matters in
 reference to the Post-master Gen-
 eral's speech, but nothing definite was
 decided on.
 Sir John A. Macdonald was favor-
 able to the policy of letting matters
 take their own course, and seize any
 opportunity that may arise to the
 advantage of the Opposition.
 Ottawa, Feb. 17.
 Several petitions were presented,
 among others one by Mr. McLeod to
 remove the disabilities under which
 Canadian tonnage laborers in British
 ports.
 Hon. Mr. Blake brought down his
 bill to amend the act relating to cer-
 tificates of violence.
 Hon. Peter Mitchell moved for
 copies of the correspondence between
 the Government of Canada and Her
 Majesty's Government respecting
 legislation in relation to British ship-
 ping and affecting shipping registered
 in Canada. In doing so he claimed
 against the injustice to Canadian sea-
 men in their having to go to Great
 Britain before they could obtain cer-
 tificates entitling them to command
 vessels crossing the Atlantic, and
 thought that such a great maritime
 people as they should be allowed to
 legislate in these matters for them-
 selves.
 Hon. Mr. Smith complimented Mr.
 Mitchell on the unprejudiced way in
 which he had treated his subject, and
 said that generally he was of the
 same opinion as himself. He had
 always favored a Canadian classifica-
 tion of shipping, but such a course
 had been met with opposition by the
 very men whom it was intended
 to benefit. He took a ground that
 the Government of Great Britain
 should take responsibility of the sea-
 worthiness of a ship, but they threw
 the responsibility on the owners.
 Mr. McLeod, of St. John, was of
 opinion that the establishment of a
 Canadian Lloyds would prove in-
 fectual and very expensive even if
 established.
 Messrs. Mills and Bothwell took
 the legal bearing of the case, holding
 that Canada had full rights to legisla-
 tion in the matter, and hoping that
 shipping would be put on the same
 footing as that of other vessels of every
 other nationality.
 After a few remarks from Mr. Car-
 michael, Pictou, and others, the mo-
 tion was carried.
 Mr. Young moved for a statement
 showing the value of articles imported
 from the United States into each Pro-
 vince during 1871, 1872 and 1873,
 bearing 15, 10 and 5 per cent. respec-
 tively. Hon. Mr. Burpee said this
 motion was covered by trade and
 navigation reports. After some fur-
 ther remarks the motion was slightly
 altered, and assented to, when the
 House took recess.
 After recess only a very small num-
 ber of members made their appear-
 ance, when the Speaker took the
 chair.
 The debate on Mr. Mills' motion
 for a select committee to enquire into
 the cause of the financial and com-
 mercial depression was resumed by
 Mr. Tupper, and taken part in by
 Messrs. Norris, Bowell, Patterson,
 Braut, Oliver and Woodstock.
 Sir A. T. Galt has been appointed
 a commissioner to enquire into the
 best means of establishing a direct
 trade with the West Indies.
 The Government has filed a bill
 in Chancery in England to compel
 Mr. Hawes, of Liverpool, to disclose
 the facts in connection with the Hal-
 fax lightship. Mr. Hawes is supposed
 to be in South America, and nothing
 can be done till he returns.
 There is a growing feeling that
 the tariff changes, if any, will be very
 light. All the Maritime Province
 men oppose fresh duties, but the pro-
 tectionists show great activity.
 The policy agreed