

The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 4, 1888

MISLEADING STATEMENTS.

The Sophist of the "Mercury" at His Congenial Work Again.

A FEW FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.

Last evening's Mercury, we notice, contains what purports to be a reply to some observations of ours of the 1st instant respecting the political outlook. Now we do not object to a thorough analysis of "all and sundry" the statements contained in the article to which our contemporary refers.

Such an opponent is the present editor of the Government organ, and it is right that the public should be kept fully informed with respect to his uncanny proceedings. This we have managed to do in the past, and our readers may rest assured that all his wriggling and twisting will be carefully watched and reported in the future.

But not to lose sight of his article of yesterday's manufacture. Our contemporary says:—"The Government have gained in strength and popularity, as time rolls on, because it is found that they are ably, honestly and impartially administering the affairs of the Colony."

In another place the Mercury remarks:—"It is not wonderful then to find that the Government have strengthened their position and established themselves more firmly in the confidence of the country."

The truth is, no one has any confidence in the present Government, and the editor of the Mercury is as well aware of this fact as we are. Why, then, does he try to mislead the people and cry "Peace, peace, when there is no peace?"

WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA?

(Concluding Article.)

We have thus placed before our readers the authentic history of the early discovery of America as it is preserved in the manuscript writings from which these chronicles are derived. We have shown that the base of these discoveries and visits was Iceland, an island not more distant from England than our own coast is from the then known coast of Greenland.

Others have supposed that these valiant voyagers got disheartened by the long run of ill-luck which so obviously attended them during their lengthened series of visits to these shores. Not one of their expeditions seems to have prospered.

For this reason, perhaps, the latter did not pursue their incursions farther south, in which case they might have been encouraged to continue them longer, by the discovery of such a wealth of natural resources as North America cannot even give a hint of.

One or two parting remarks. Why not call our island Woodland, as did these early Norsemen with neat and natural fitness? Too long already have we pined away as the New Found Land that never ceases to be new and never succeeds in being found.

Finally. Why not keep up a regular intercourse with those 70,000 people, who are our next-door neighbors, at least in summer time? Iceland is not much more distant from us than New York or Baltimore, and Greenland the same.

SKATING carnivals have been so frequently held here, and their attractions are so well known to our people, that there is little original left to be said about them.

The Carnival at the Parade Rink.

The statement that Mr. Hoyles when Premier was opposed to road-making is a covert slander on a dead man who cannot defend himself. Hoyles was never opposed to honest road-making; he was only opposed to that dishonest misapplication of the public funds, which, under the name of road-making, was squandered in pauper relief by political thieves for party purposes.

ously attractive. In the way of humor the Negro Dude with a bouquet of sunflowers on his lappel, flying coat-tails, through a pocket of which a red handkerchief was liberally displayed, and stovepipe hat, did the grand inimitable Ethiopian style. The gestures of this gentleman—he made long glides on each skate—as he passed with head erect, sometimes thrown back over his shoulders, now bent on this side with mocking salute, while occasionally he engaged in humorous by-play with another masker, were indescribably grotesque and mirth-provoking.

OUR NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE.

"PRO LEGE ET GREGE!"

DEAR SIR,—Now that the late Judge Hoyles has been removed by the hand of death, and it being highly improbable that our present esteemed Chief Justice will be able to withstand the pressure brought to bear upon him also to retire, the question is, Who will be our next Chief Justice?

The great thing to be avoided here, if possible, is the presence at the Bar of low, pettifogging attorneys, holding public positions which they disgrace, and bringing discredit upon both Bench and Bar as mere weeds of dissipation. Such men do not scruple to use their friends, when in political opposition, to do their dirty work for them, and then, when they cease to be so, like ungrateful curs, they turn on the very men who picked them out of the gutter, and bite the hands of their deliverers.

Yours truly,  
PRO LEGE ET GREGE.

St. John's, Feb. 4th, 1888.

A Few Words From "One Who Knows."

DEAR SIR,—In his additional remarks on the death of Judge Hoyles, in yesterday's Mercury, the reverend editor of that sheet would have us believe he was on terms of intimacy with the deceased gentleman. As the latter was a man of fixed and unflinching principles, and the former has been a truckler and trimmer all his life, who would at any time sell his dearest principles for a money consideration, it is difficult to credit that there could have been any community of feeling between the two, or any common ground of ascent.

Those who have not secured their tickets for the Church of England Tea Meeting to be held on the 7th inst. had better do so at once. There are only about fifty tickets left, and the intention of the committee is to take no money at the doors.

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

Letter From Professor Goldwin Smith.

We have been requested to publish the following letter from Professor Goldwin Smith on the important subject of Commercial Union:

DEAR SIR,—The advantages of continental free trade to Canada are too manifest to require demonstration. In her soil, her forests, her waters, and her mines, she has natural products far in excess of her own wants, which seek access to the continental market.

To the United States commercial union would bring the full enjoyment of all the natural wealth of Canada which American capital would develop, as well as an extended market for American manufactures. That Canada at present, with her resources imperfectly developed, is not so rich as the United States, forms no reason for believing that the union with her would not be profitable.

By commercial union the fisheries question will be settled, and it is difficult to see how it can be settled satisfactorily and permanently in any other way.

It is hoped also that a part of the arrangement would be such an extension of the Extradition Treaty as would relieve the continent from the incentive furnished to commercial dishonesty by the existence of an asylum for fugitives from justice on each side of the line.

The movement in favor of commercial union among the Canadian people has been perfectly spontaneous. Their thoughts having been turned by the fisheries dispute and some other circumstances to their commercial relations with their neighbors, the conviction that unrestricted reciprocity is their true interest has impressed itself upon their minds, and has been spreading rapidly without the aid of organized agitation or wirepulling of any kind.

Yours truly,  
GOLDWIN SMITH.

Ottawa, Jan. 26, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The steamer Newfoundland will not sail till 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning; her mails will close at 11 o'clock on Monday night.

The steamer Newfoundland arrived from Halifax at 7.30 o'clock last evening. Her cargo consists of two hundred tons of miscellaneous goods. Her passengers are:— Hon. J. S. Winter, Messrs. O'Dwyer, W. J. Kenny, Cox, twelve in storage.

The service in Cochrane Street Church tomorrow evening is one in which the children of the Sunday School will take part and the claims of this good work be specially presented. A report of the year's work in the Sunday School will be presented.

DESPITE the counter attraction of the Carnival last night, the Total Abstinence Hall was packed closely with an audience to see and hear the famous drama of "Captain Kyd," and the frequent applause with which the actors were greeted testified to their capital playing and the appreciation of the spectators.

ONE of the happiest gatherings of the season, so far, was the "Sociable" in the basement of Queen's Road Church last evening. In spite of the severe weather outside, the attendance was large, and embraced a goodly number of "the fathers and mothers in Israel."

A GENTLEMAN of this city has just received a letter written by the late Hugh Hoyles, dated the 27th ult., in which he mentions that he was then in a good state of health, and complains of nothing to indicate that his end was so near. That was on last Friday week, yet on the following Wednesday he died. It would therefore seem that his malady was one which was sudden in its nature.

The following very excellent programme has been prepared by Mr. Barrett for the Readings and Music at the Athenaeum Hall on Monday evening next:—Chorus: "The Scottish Blue Bells." A Reading: Solo: "At the Ferry," by Miss Irving. Chorus: "The Contest." Solo: "The Storm Fiend," Mr. Hepburn. Chorus (from Oberon): Solo: "Where the Highland Tartans Wave," Mr. Ledingham. Solo: "The Fairy," Miss Jardine. Chorus: "Call John." Solo: "The Gates of the West," Miss Neyle. Solo: "Ever Dear," Mr. Flannery. Chorus: "Gallant Hearts" (from Norma).

A CHARGE of ill-treating horses was brought this morning before Judge Prowse. It appears that three young men named Mackay, Kelly and Davidson treated themselves to sleigh-rides last night, each being in his own sleigh. The two last-mentioned were arrested on Water Street for furious driving; and the first-named for leaving his horse standing in the cold to a late hour of the night, he (the accused) being at the time in a snug room of a shop near by, taking refreshments.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

GOVER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. G. Boyd; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. J. Parkins. COCHRANE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. J. Parkins; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. G. Boyd. GEORGE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. J. E. Manning. ALEXANDER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. J. E. Manning; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A. ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. W. Graham. QUEEN'S ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. T. Hodgkinson. REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—TRINITY CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. A. N. Suckling. GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SERVICE in Buchanan Street Schoolroom every Sunday at 3 P.M. All are cordially invited. Service in Temperance Hall on Sunday evening at 8.15 o'clock, under the auspices of "Young Men's Christian Association." All are invited.

BIRTH.

At Torbay, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. George Eastace, of a son. At Saint Pierre, yesterday evening, the wife of A. Mignot, Esq., of a son.

DIED.

On the 3rd inst., James, the beloved child of Richard and Mary Williams, aged 1 year and 7 months. At South Boston, Jan. 29th, of bronchitis, Laura Ethel Hunt, youngest daughter of William and Sarah Gordon, aged 1 year and 9 months.—[H. G. "Standard" please copy.]

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

4—Newfoundland, Mylius, Halifax, 3 days, Shea & Co.—893 bales hay, 99 qtrs beef, 316 tubs butter, 10 qtr-casks whiskey, 65 pkgs tea, general cargo. CLEARED. 4—Sparkling Glance, Richards, Rio Janeiro, P & L Tessler—3081 qts fish. LOADING. July 26—Robert, West Indies, J Murray. Feb 1—Minnie, Europe, A Goodridge & Sons. 3—Little Wonder, Europe, Job, Bros. & Co.

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