

CONFEDERATION THE ISSUE

Newfoundland Elections to Be Fought on This Question.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN THAT COLONY

The Disability Bill Passed by the House, But Imperial Action Being Refused a Royal Commission Must Come—The Banks Denounced by the Press and the Press by the Public.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 21.—The newspapers are filled with denunciations of the management of the suspended banks here. One firm alone, it is shown, over-drew its account \$25,000 last year, for the greater part of which no assets existed. This firm executed a mortgage for \$70,000, but the mortgage was not registered. Another firm purchased steamers with the money obtained from the banks. The steamer is now mortgaged to repay the money of the firm. The creditors of several of the firms are opposing the ratification of the compromise offered, holding that the firms are able to pay more than they are offering. The creditors have filed objections with the Supreme Court, urging that the trustees be appointed to carry on the business of those firms until ultimately wound up. This is objected to by the general public, because it would completely ruin the colony's trade in a year or two.

The two main parties, it is understood, is preparing to face the country on the question of the Confederation issue. They also want ex-Premier Whiteley and his associates to stand in the contest, believing that their prestige would be sufficient to carry union with Canada. It is also alleged that they are endeavoring to obtain a promise from the Canadian Government that Whiteley be made the first Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland under the Confederation.

The House of Assembly Saturday passed a resolution with closed doors, requesting the governor to telegraph the Imperial Government, urging that assistance be given to a bill removing the disabilities from the unseated members of the White-way party, as they are needed to conduct the public affairs in the present crisis. The resolution was forced through at one sitting, without notice or time for discussion. The Opposition will make a strong protest. The Legislature will on Monday adjourn for a month to give time for maturing a measure to meet the present crisis, viz., confederation with Canada, as the colony cannot sustain its independence.

Governor O'Brien, in promising to forward the Government's resolution on the Disability Bill to the Imperial authorities, declined to recommend it for Imperial assent.

Governor O'Brien received a despatch from the Imperial Government last night refusing to assent to the bill for the removal of the disabilities of Sir William Whiteley and his colleagues.

This refusal will probably compel the Government to accept a royal commission to investigate the colony's affairs as in the resolutions asking the passage of this bill the Government admitted its incapacity to continue to conduct affairs.

A number of persons implicated in the bank scandals are likely to be arrested tomorrow. Among them will probably be some of the directors.

The clergy of all denominations took concerted action Sunday to end what they consider the undue license of the local press in its criticisms of public men and measures. Resolutions condemning the press, protesting against its abuse, reprimand and falsehood, and advising the people to unite in discountenancing such conduct, were read from all the pulpits by prior arrangement. The newspapers were handled ungenerously, every one of them being treated alike. Warm replies are expected. The comments of the clergymen, after reading the resolutions, were also denunciatory.

The copper mines at Little Bay have shut down, the owners, a wealthy English firm, having decided to abandon mining in Newfoundland altogether, the force of men are now engaged dismantling the works and machinery, preparatory to shipping it from the country. The shutdown throws about 500 men out of employment.

Estimates of charitable associations show that about 3000 persons in this city are receiving relief daily.

No Welcome From Canada.

London, Jan. 21.—The Times says Canada is not likely to welcome Newfoundland while it is a bankrupt colony with a French shore difficulty. If Newfoundland becomes a Crown colony, possibly an English bank will be willing to open a branch there. In view of the hardy maritime population, we would suggest also a naval recruiting station.

SMALLPOX IN GUELPH.

A Student at the Dairy School Contracts.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 21.—A case of smallpox occurred here on the 18th inst., in the person of William Schwartz, who some days before came from near St. Thomas, to attend the dairy school at the Agricultural College. The sick man had mingled for several days with the students, and when too sick to work consulted a Guelph physician, who diagnosed smallpox and sent him to the Smallpox Hospital, where he is isolated.

The college reopens on Tuesday, but as the dairy school students do not board there the college buildings are wholly free from danger. The few students who have remained in residence during holidays and who may accidentally have come in contact with any dairy school students have been quarantined in a large building at some distance from the college. All exposed students have been vaccinated.

SEEKING AID.

Thousands in Dire Distress.

MANY ARE NEAR DEATH

THE SUFFERERS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

Mrs. Durant is Cured.

At the present time there are thousands of valuable lives in jeopardy in our country, and men and women are anxiously seeking for help. Many are cruelly suffering and in deep distress. Kidney and liver complaints, heart troubles, dyspepsia, indigestion and rheumatism have brought many to the verge of the grave. Mental anxiety, failure with doctors, and the thought of leaving near and dear ones behind, adds to the weight of agony and physical torture.

It is the duty of all who know what Paine's Celery Compound has done in the past, to urge every sufferer to give it a trial; it cannot fail; its mission is to cure and save.

Mrs. George Durant, a lady living in Elms, Dundas, Co. Ont., was cured of liver and kidney troubles after the failure of several physicians; she writes as follows:

"Permit me to record my testimony in favor of your excellent preparation, Paine's Celery Compound. For many years I have been a sufferer from liver and kidney troubles, but only found relief for a very short time. My husband advised me to try your Compound. I did so, and found so much relief from the first bottle that I continued, and am now using the third bottle. Your Compound has done more for me than any physician. For months before using the Compound I never had one night of sound sleep; but now I can go to bed and sleep soundly and naturally, and feel like a new creature in the morning."

He—I wonder when you will be able to set as good a table as my mother does. She—By the time you are able to provide as good a table as your father does, my dear!

THAT CHECK WAS CASHED.

The Needed Identification Was Secured in a Rather Unconformable Way.

I had a Chicago check in a bank in one of the territorial small towns, and one day I walked in on the banker and presented it to be cashed.

"Have to be identified," he said, as he handed me a check for a "little money."

"But I know no one here."

"Can't cash it unless you are identified."

"I have a dozen letters here addressed to me."

"No good."

"My name is on the waybill of the stage route."

"That's nothing."

"I have called on the editor of The Bugle and introduced myself."

"But you might have given a false name. Business is business, sir, and you will have to be identified before I can cash that check."

I went away, wondering how long \$3 would last me in that town, and how I could get out of it without the money on that check, when I bumped across a man on the street, who whipped out a gun and fired a bullet through my cap before I could apologize. When I had begged his pardon he put up his weapon and extended his hand and said:

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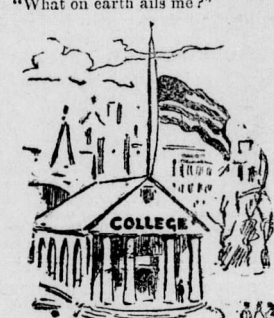
"Ah, a holiday box from home. One of sister Mary's cakes, a regular sinker, and I know it."



"I'll work it on the Professor, and get even with him."



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But It Took Considerable Time for the Crowd to Appreciate It.

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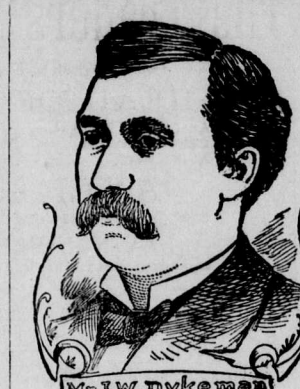
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St. George, New Brunswick.

After the Grip

No Strength, No Ambition

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures Perfect Health.

The following letter is from a well-known merchant of St. George, N. B.:

"C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:

"Gentlemen—I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills have done me a great deal of good. I had a severe attack of the grip in the winter, and after getting over the fever I did not seem to gather strength, and had no ambition. Hood's Sarsaparilla proved to be just what I needed. The results were very satisfactory, and I recommend this medicine to all who are afflicted with rheumatism or other ailments caused by poison and poor blood. I always keep Hood's Sarsaparilla in my house and use it when I need a tonic. We also keep Hood's Pills on hand and think highly of them."

J. W. DYKEMAN, St. George, New Brunswick.

Sciatic Rheumatism

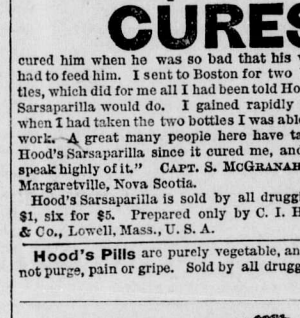
Capt. McCranahan Tells How He Was Cured.

"About a year ago I was taken with a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism and was laid off most of the summer. I went from here to St. John, N. B., in my pocket schooner, and was so helpless and in such suffering that I could not get out of the cabin. The captain of another schooner came on board to see me, and wanted me to get Hood's Sarsaparilla; he said it had cured him when he was so bad that his wife had to feed him. I sent to Boston for two bottles, which did for me all I had been told Hood's Sarsaparilla would do. I gained rapidly and when I had taken the two bottles I was able to work. A great many people have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla since it cured me, and all speak highly of it." CAPT. S. MCCRANAHAN, Margareville, Nova Scotia.

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