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The Woman Question.

If women suffer all the wrongs described by Mr. Boyd Monday night—if women are allowed to suffer such wrongs by male legislators elected by male voters—the argument for woman suffrage is, certainly, a very strong one. If women had votes, all states bearing against them would be speedily wiped out. Legislators would not wait for the next election, but would make haste to do justice to those who held the power to turn them out of office. It would not be necessary for one woman to vote in order that woman should get equality before the law. If the great aim of reform, therefore, is to amend the laws that are unfair to women, the sooner the ballot is put into the hands of the women the better. Mr. Boyd spoke of woman-suffragists and Free Love advocates in one breath. We hope he did not intend to sneer at the many noble women, in England and America, who are woman-suffragists. Some of the noblest women of England—women whom Mr. Boyd has referred to admirably in his lectures, believe in women having the right of suffrage, Englishmen who have necessary property qualification, and no husbands, do, in fact, have the right of suffrage now, and exercise it without scandal or reproach. Women are elected to School Boards, and show that they can govern as well as teach. If the majority of women should ever demand the right of suffrage they will have to be met with some better argument than that they are wanted in the role of angels of the household. Mr. Boyd has shown a crooked stick, and depicted unwise marriages. This is the strongest argument in favor of allowing women to be members of the learned and unlearned professions, eligible for office, etc. They would then be something besides namby-pamby to be forwarded to for a living, and would not be so ready to take up with crooked sticks.

The Baptist Revival.

The cold weather generally has an inspiring effect on the churches. The Baptists, in particular, seem to make more converts in the winter than at any other season. It is because evenings are longer, the opportunity for awakening services being better; because pastors are more vigorous in their exertions under the bracing effects of the atmosphere; because people are more at leisure than at other seasons; or because of some mysterious spiritual workings which man cannot comprehend? But the fact is more important than the reason. The Nova Scotia Baptists, in particular, are prospering just at present, the Acadia College revival having left but two out of the fold, "and these," says a Visitor correspondent, "forbid not hope on their behalf." The account continues: "Thirty-five were received into the church yesterday. Thirty-four of these the pastor baptized. The other by experience, who were formerly connected with the F. W. Baptist Church. Gospel ballads never loses its popularity. A multitude witnessed the sacred rite. The College, Academy, Female Seminary and Sabbath School were all represented by those baptized. It was non-reviving to see so many in the vigor of early manhood and also in the bloom of youth obeying the commands of the Master. New Brunswick and D. E. Island students have shared largely in the blessed work. From the former place all have participated. The indications are favorable for the spread of the revival. Several in the village are participating in the work.

Rev. Isa. Wallace, a Home Missionary, writes:

I closed last Sabbath evening a protracted meeting at Kempt, Queen's County, which was attended with wondrous displays of God's grace. During the four weeks the meetings continued it was my privilege to baptize 67 rejoicing converts.

Rev. J. A. Durkee, of Milton, baptized sixteen on Feb. 15th, eleven on the 22nd, and the work of revival still proceeds.

At Newport thirty-two were baptized and two of the backslider reclaimed in January. The good work does not go forward so well in our own Province, but still there are evidences that the spirit is at work. Mr. Barnes writes from Moncton:

Wear holding special services in the First Methodist Church, and the Lord is blessing us with His cheering presence. Professors are being quickened and sinners are conquering. We every pastor and church make special prayer for us now?

Such reports should encourage pastors everywhere to make extraordinary exertions for the salvation of the souls they have taken charge of.

The Legislature.

Our legislators are working hard, and behaving like good boys generally. They deserve the little excursion they propose taking Saturday over the Riviere du Loup Railway. The trip will wipe out any lingering prejudices they may have against the narrow gauge, and show them the utter folly of subsidizing any more expensive class of railways. The private bills are going through the House as fast as is desirable, and the way is about clear for the Government measures, if there are any. Present appearances indicate as short a session as usual, and we hope the appearances are not deceptive. Forty days of legislative reports are about all the general public will bear quietly.

Trade of St. John.

The following exhibit of our trade for February shows a great falling off in exports. The decrease is due to special causes, and must not be regarded as an average exhibit. Here are the official figures:

Customs Duties collected during the month of February, 1874.	\$20,042.52
Exports of goods during the month of February, 1874.	31,692.25
Increase for current year, 1874.	85,091.75
Value of Exports from port of St. John for 14 months ending Feb. 28, 1874.	\$20,042.52
Value of Exports from port of St. John for the month ending February 28th, 1874.	31,692.25
Decrease, current year, 1874.	85,091.75

After Pinner.

Protection petitions are circulating in Ontario, cliques of greedy manufacturers have been in secret session for providing funds for the accomplishment of their selfish ends, and the Dominion Board of Trade has been persuaded, wheedled or entreated into passing a resolution that may be interpreted into a virtual endorsement of the protection platform. We will not insult the intelligence of our readers by supposing that any of them are protectionists, and take it for granted that they are ready to do anything that may be necessary to thwart the purposes of the ring that is steadily drawing around Parliament for the purpose of plundering the people on the pretence of protection. This ring has money, and it can afford to spend a good round sum for the accomplishment of its object. It will control the press, pay for the circulation of petitions, and threaten legislators with its influence at the polls. It has a vast number of men in its employment, and the votes of these it claims to control. Its success is certain unless the people who are subjected to paying high prices for imported goods, or being forced to use inferior articles of home manufacture, bestir themselves. Protection means the shutting out of our market from getting return freights from Boston and New York, it means that the cost of that article will not only increase the cost of that article but encourage the Spring Hill and Sydney coal companies to put up the price of bituminous; it means the drying up of some of the sources of revenue, by the stopping of importation, thus forcing a duty on articles that cannot be manufactured at home; it means money out of the pockets of consumers, money out of the pockets of the shipowners, and money into the pockets of the ring of manufacturers whose plunder scheme through Parliament.

Parish Meetings.

Parish meetings are notorious for the disorderly conduct of those in attendance, and for the irregular manner in which business is done in them. Dignified Justices of the Peace are always suggesting the taking away of the powers of these meetings, and cancelling their elections. Anybody with a few loud-voiced claquers at his back can usually get elected to any office in these meetings, and the half has not been told about the farcical character of most of their proceedings. Worthy Justices, dignified landholders, and wise legislators can find no other remedy for this than taking away from the Parish Meetings the powers they now possess. They do not seem to comprehend that it is not the character of those in attendance, but the want of a proper system for doing the business that causes the disorder, the quarrels, and the failures to fill offices. With a proper system, and proper machinery

for doing business, our Parish Meetings would become orderly and business-like assemblies. It is passing strange that no member of the House of Assembly has ever made the attempt to work a reformatory revolution in the matter.

Give Parish Meetings the ballot, and the disorder that attends them now will be heard of no more for ever. The rate-payers will go to the Parish Meeting, just as they go to the polls now, and deposit ballots containing the names of all their candidates for the several offices to be filled, and unless there is some Parish question to be discussed and voted on, go away to their work in an orderly fashion. There will be no more yelling and pushing mobs shouting "aye" and "no" in such a manner that no Chairman can make out which side has it—no more of the scenes that are the base for the arguments for taking from the people the right to elect their own Commissioners, constables, and hog reeves.

Statute Labor.

The people of this County should congratulate themselves on the abolition of the statute labor force. This was a relic of the old days when money was scarce and labor was plentiful. It was a disgrace to the metropolitan County—one that ought to have been abolished long ago, and we hope every County in the Province will soon enforce the same system. The road-tax should be large enough to keep the highways in first-class order, and should be paid in cash. Then more care will be taken in the selection of those who are to be entrusted with its expenditure. Jobbery of all kinds will be more quickly detected and punished. When men pay money directly for roads they will want to know the reason why if the roads are not good. Under the present cash, part labor, system it is impossible to tell whether the bad condition of roads is due to the failure of those who profess to work and pay, or to the appropriation of the money contributed.

Mr. Marshall, of St. John and Kings.

The Kings County Board of Trade was laughed at when organized, but it has already become an influential body in the Dominion. Its representative in the Dominion Board of Trade, Mr. Marshall, was one of the most prominent members of that body, and exercised much influence on its deliberations. The Toronto Globe says of the Board of Trade of Canada was read by Mr. Marshall, of St. John, N. B., at the meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, on February 10th, and printed in full in Thursday's Globe. To Canadians the subject deserves to be read, and it is an important one, while the manner in which it was handled by Mr. Marshall, showed clearly that he was familiar with the whole question, and was well able to do it justice.

It only costs \$600, plus the expense of a law-suit, to cut a man a post-charge thief.

Mr. O'Brien, of Amherst, has just been called upon to pay this sum to Mr. Fred Fitzgibbon. The verdict is a million, considering the offence and the defence. There are several other gentlemen who may be called upon to pay similar sums for indulging in the same luxury. The pretence that the plaintiff must be guilty because he did not testify against the defendant, is a gross violation of the libellous declaration put in by the defence was fully punctured by Judge Wetmore. We shouldn't have expected so "thin" an argument from a barrister whose "gown has scarcely been off for twenty years."

Royalty Slapped in the Face—The Trial and Condemnation—Town Gossip—The Duke of Cambridge about Town, Etc.

LONDON, Feb. 13, 1874.

THE DUKE AND THE CAPTAIN.

The principal topic of gossip recently, especially in army circles, has been the rather ludicrous assault of one Captain Maunders, an old officer who distinguished himself in the Indian rebellion years ago, upon no less a personage than His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge. This still jaunty, though somewhat elderly, but still vigorous and energetic, seems, taking a saunter the other morning in Hyde Park, all unconscious of the impending danger, when Capt. Maunders went up and slipped him in the face, at the same time indulging in reproachful language rather more vigorous than polite. Several officers and others who were in the vicinity rushed up, but before they could interfere, the irate Captain had hit the Duke another though equally harmless blow. His Royal Highness made no effort to defend himself, but quietly gave over his adversary into the hands of the police and walked away. The amusing feature of the incident was that the Duke, who is a very high-ranking officer, was manifestly in no way offended, and while he was being taken to his quarters, he was seen to check his wrath to a very mild demonstration. Of course he was promptly marched off to the lock up, where the chief officers of his well-filled stables, doing the hospitable at his expense,

did bachelor establishment in Park Lane, or in his spacious offices in Whitehall. The Queen is said to be very much disgusted by the freedom with which he rolicks about as other men; and on one occasion she reproved the Duke at the head of the Cambridge army, with the warning that if he did not take care he would become as common as the Cambridge army. This referred not only to the Duke, but to his exceedingly flashy, but still fair and good looking sister, the Princess Mary, who is the wife of that diminutive German princeling the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. He drives the fastest and 19th West of teams of all sorts, always in the fastest and noblest of costumes; and there is seldom a night when he is not either at one of the theatres, in each of which he has a box, or some grand dinner or ball at the West End. Wherever there is a prospect of amusement, you may be sure to find the Duke. He knows how an Academy banquet, or a Mansion House festivity would seem without his presence at the head of the table. On the right of the P. R. A., or the Lord Mayor, meanwhile the army is really controlled by a number of subordinate officers, who are familiar with the most profound systems, and decidedly autocratic notions of military government.

Foe Rochester.

Henry Rochester is one of the recent arrivals at New Canada, and he has been making some time since, and a correspondent from Sydney describes some of the humiliations that the wretched man has undergone. His spirit was broken by four months' close confinement on the convict ship, where he shared the degradation of the lowest, heaviest having to bear the scorn and jeers of his companions in misery, notwithstanding those who had the honorable profession of a degree above the brutes. Upon his arrival at the penal station, also, his first experience was a sentence of solitary confinement for a violation of some of the prison rules, so that his cup of bitterness was further filled. He thought that when so many railways are being erected and established, there should be an enactment made through the Government, to protect such a man rather than to send the St. John Gas Company Act. Agreed to.

Mr. Napier re-committed a bill to authorize Hon. John Ferguson to erect a boom across the Negligent River.

Mr. Napier presented the petition of Rev. J. C. McDevitt, and 894 others, from the Mayor and Councilors of Fredericton, who fully represent the views of the people in the matter. The bill is that all real and personal property for purposes of assessment shall be appraised at its market value, and the assessment shall be made on twenty per cent thereof; in cases to be appraised at the market value, and to be assessed for all above \$800 for living expenses; and Mr. Napier introduced a bill to amend the Act in relation to the assessment of property for taxation, and the assessment shall be made on twenty per cent thereof; in cases to be appraised at the market value, and to be assessed for all above \$800 for living expenses; and Mr. Napier introduced a bill to amend the Act in relation to the assessment of property for taxation, and the assessment shall be made on twenty per cent thereof; in cases to be appraised at the market value, and to be assessed for all above \$800 for living expenses; and Mr. Napier introduced a bill to amend the Act in relation to the assessment of property for taxation, and the assessment shall be made on twenty per cent thereof; in cases to be appraised at the market value, and to be assessed for all above \$800 for living expenses; 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