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THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

On the first of July William Crockett ceases to be superintendent of schools. It would be difficult, and we think impossible, to name a gentleman more suited in every way for the position which Mr. Crockett vacates, than James R. Inch, LL. D., who has been chosen to fill it. Dr. Inch's active connection for so many years with the college of Mount Allison and his deep interest in education generally, qualify him thoroughly for the office of superintendent, as well as that of president of the senate of the university of New Brunswick, which, when the law passed at the last session of the legislature is brought into force, he will be called upon to occupy. He is a man of ripe scholarship, of great resources, and of excellent judgment on all matters connected with education. He brings with him also the prestige of success at Mount Allison such as few men could have accomplished. He is a gentleman of wide learning and uncommon talent as an organizer. His new position is the reward of faithful, unassuming efficiency which all must recognize who are familiar with the work he has done. His office will make him a resident of Fredericton, from whose citizens he cannot fail to receive a hearty welcome. The fitness of the new appointment will hardly, we think, be criticized from any quarter.

The causes which have led to Mr. Crockett's dismissal hardly need to be recapitulated. It will be admitted by all that it is absolutely essential in the interests of the educational system of the country that harmonious relations should exist between the superintendent and the government. For reasons with which doubtless everybody is familiar that essential condition has been lacking in the relations between Mr. Crockett and the government. Indeed, Mr. Crockett, in the course of his letter published in the Sun admits that he has for years been personally hostile to the leader of the government. A change was therefore unavoidable.

The following is taken from an appreciative sketch in the St. John Sun:
James R. Inch, LL. D., who has been appointed chief superintendent of education for this province, has long been recognized as one of the master minds of the Mount Allison university. His parents emigrated from Enniskillen, Ireland, to New Brunswick and settled in Petersville, Queens county, where he was born April 20th, 1835. He was educated at the Gagetown high school and after attending the St. John training school, received a license as a first-class teacher in 1850. In 1854 he accepted a position at Mount Allison academy, and when Mount Allison college was organized with university powers, in 1862, Dr. Inch entered the junior class, taking his degree of B. A. in 1864 and M. A. three years later. In 1864 he took charge of the ladies' academy, which was then heavily burdened with debt and without resources. He held that position for four years, during which time the institution, largely through his efforts, was placed on a firm basis. In 1878 Dr. Inch was called to the presidency of the college, but before he took that he was honored by his alma mater with the degree of LL. D. During the existence of the university of Halifax Dr. Inch, who was appointed a fellow of the university by the government of Nova Scotia, rendered that institution valuable service as a member of the senate and examiner in mental science and logic.

Dr. Inch is a member of the Methodist conference, and has represented his district at the general conference sessions on several occasions. In 1886 Dr. Inch was elected vice-president for New Brunswick of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy. In 1854 he married Mary Alice Dunn, of Keswick, York county.

"THE DELUGE."

The amount of blundering that the conservative party, says the Montreal Star (conservative) has managed to accomplish, in the few weeks since its great leader left it, is something astonishing. The funeral is scarcely over before the forces which during the whole of his public life it was his object to subdue or turn to the advantage of his party are threatening destruction to that party. There was not the slightest reason why the appointment of a successor to Sir John Macdonald should stir up sectarian strife in the country. To allow Sir John Thompson to be put forward for a few days as the coming man, and then permit him to be thrust back again on account of his religion, was a piece of phenomenal stupidity on the part of the conservatives. That would have been unwise for Sir Hector Langevin. His attempt to form a ministry under existing circumstances is true, but there was any good reason why Sir John Macdonald's old and faithful lieutenant should have been passed over in such a way as to convey the impression that his party had prejudged the case against him, and condemned him before there was a title of evidence against him? The end of all this perilous shilly-shallying is the selection of a leader who evidently has the greatest difficulty in forming a ministry, which will hold together long enough to get the estimates passed and parliament prorogued, so as to give the party time to collect its wits. "Apres moi le deluge," Sir John used to say, or other people used to say for him, but he could not have imagined it would come so soon. A strong man is wanted at the head of the conservative party to-day, a man whose leadership would be acknowledged and respected by all sections of the party, and they have chosen a man absolutely without a personal following, without a vote or a voice in the house of commons, without influence in the country.

The conservative members of Parliament do not seem to realize what the loss of Sir John Macdonald means to the party. It means that unless they have a man as patriotic, as strong, as popular, to take his place at the privy council table and in the house of commons, they have got to change their political methods more radically. Much was forgiven to Sir John Macdonald that will not be tolerated in John J. C. Abbott or anybody else less patriotic, less unselfish, or with less claim upon the gratitude and forbearance of the country than Sir John Macdonald. We are not alarmed for the future of the dominion, we have too much confidence in the country and its people for that, but we recognize that the conservative party is in a perilous position from which we do not believe the Hon. John J. C. Abbott is able to extricate it.

PREMIER ABBOTT.

The opinion expressed by THE HERALD three weeks ago that senator Abbott stood the best chance of being the successor of Sir John Macdonald has been verified by the event. The senator has been called upon to form an administration and will probably do so by making the fewest possible changes in the present combination. It is useless for anyone to claim that the appointment is a satisfactory one. Hardly a newspaper could be found in Canada up to Monday last advocating his claims. He has been selected because the conservative leaders are at war with themselves and because he enjoyed the negative qualification of being so insignificant that he had no enemies. He was the least objectionable of the many candidates. While the lions fought the jackal made away with the prey.

Senator Abbott's appointment is only a makeshift. It cannot be permanent. The Roman Catholics of Quebec and indeed of all Canada feel that Sir John Thompson has been passed over because of his religious views, and this is undoubtedly the case. The Nova Scotia conservatives are disgusted that Tupper and Thompson, either of them immensely the superior of Abbott in ability, should have been ignored. Chapleau and his following are sulky and may be relied upon to make trouble unless he is given the department of railways and canals. There is dissension on every side and it is felt that the present condition of things cannot last. The liberals in the meantime are hopeful and united and quietly biding their time.

It may be said that a liberal newspaper like THE HERALD is not the best authority that might be given for the statement that premier Abbott is not acceptable to his own party. It will hardly be questioned, however, that the utterances of the government press are entitled to consideration. With few exceptions they will be noticed the following extracts are made from newspapers supporting the government:

Montreal Star (Ind. Conservative).
The appointment of the hon. J. J. C. Abbott as prime minister will give general satisfaction to the liberals. Mr. Abbott is a politician with no following, he has never been an active party worker, he represents nothing unless it be Canadian Pacific interests, and has not even a seat in the house of commons.

St. John News (Conservative).
The Amherst Record views the views of the conservatives of Cumberland county and of most conservatives in the maritime provinces when it declares itself as follows: But the man for the leadership is Sir Charles Tupper; and we believe that, whatever temporary arrangement may be made now, his rightful claim to the high position must be acknowledged by the liberal-conservative leaders.

Winnipeg Free Press (Conservative).
We know now what the deliberations of a week have brought forth. Senator Abbott, who has never been regarded as a leader, nor in any sense as a prominent figure in the conduct of public affairs, has been exalted to the position of premier and entrusted with the task of forming a new government. Next to Sir Charles Tupper, who evidently desired to be considered for a time at least, as out of the running, the two most entitled by their positions and public services to ministerial promotion, were Sir Hector Langevin and Sir John Thompson.

Kingston News (Conservative).
If Sir John Thompson is to be debarred from the position of premier on account of his religion it is equivalent to a modified statement that Roman Catholics are not to be accorded equal rights with their Protestant fellow citizens, but are to be relegated, if possible, to the position of hewers of wood and drawers of water in a community in which they are so largely an element.

St. John Sun.
Senator Abbott is not as well known in the country as the first minister ought to be. Sir John Thompson is not accepting the leadership has, in our opinion, allowed his modesty and retiring disposition to do injustice to himself and his party.

Electeur.
The parliamentary and public career of hon. J. J. C. Abbott, who has just accepted the portfolio of prime minister covers a period of nearly thirty-four years and is remarkable for its insignificance.

Montreal Star.
It is evident that the calling of hon. J. J. C. Abbott to form a ministry and his acceptance of the task has been a profound disappointment to the portion of the Montreal conservatives who are led by hon. Mr. Chapleau. Their mutterings on this subject on the streets this morning could be heard on all sides, and in fact it is openly stated that the Chapleauites talk of going into opposition.

La Presse.
Mr. Langevin will not be prime minister because he is French and a Catholic. Neither will Sir John Thompson because he is a Catholic. The Orangemen of Ontario demand that it be their brother Abbott who shall replace Sir John Macdonald and they will succeed as they succeeded in the Riel affair.

La Presse (Conservative).
Sir John Thompson was the man who should have been called but he was laid aside by the Abbott combination.

THE RISING WAVE.

Those who think the cause of the home rule has been crushed by the downfall of Parnell are probably mistaken. Close observers of English politics say that if Mr. Gladstone lives two years longer he will be again premier of Great Britain and able to carry to perfection his scheme of home rule. Since the year 1886 sixty by-elections have taken place, during which period home rule has been a live issue. In the constituencies where these elections took place the liberals in 1886 polled 181,654 votes and the unionists 188,846 votes. In the by-elections for these sixty seats the liberals have polled 221,714 votes and the unionists 195,702. At this rate it is estimated that Mr. Gladstone will have a majority of sixty or more in the next house.

The truth is that the United Kingdom is strongly liberal. At no time in the last fifty years have the conservatives really represented the popular majority. When they have accepted to power for a few years it has always been when the liberal party was struggling with some great reform or measure of state policy which created a division among its friends. Each of these periods has seen the receding wave that gathered force as it receded for a higher leap than ever. So it has been with the Irish home rule question. At first a very large section of Mr. Gladstone's followers went into dissent rather than accept so drastic a measure, and even his most faithful adherents swallowed the dose with a wry face. Now the rising tide is with Mr. Gladstone again and will, without doubt, if he lives until 1893, land him in power.

MARRIED THE MAN SHE LOVED.
The social world has been employed for some days past in discussing the conduct of Miss Garner who, on the head of the disgrace which came upon her affianced, Sir William Gordon Cumming, declined to be released from her engagement and wedded him at the altar. The social world is not particularly just world nor remarkable for its good looks. It will probably condemn Miss Garner for marrying the man she loved, with cordial unanimity. But the overwhelming mass of mankind will admire and applaud the conduct of the brave young lady. It appreciates her love and loyalty to her hero in adversity—qualities which, though sneered at by the social world, are nevertheless among the noblest attributes of true womanhood everywhere. All honor to the plucky American girl who refused to be bullied by the dragon of society from the side of the man she loved.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
Rudyard Kipling is dying at the age of twenty-six. Few authors have reached fame so rapidly. His instructive and amusing pictures of life and character were remarkable productions for one so youthful.

In one hundred years the Irish question, apparently, will still exist. The decrease in the Roman Catholic population during the last decade has been over 10 per cent, the total decrease of all denominations during the period being over 9 per cent. The Methodists alone show an increase of the large one of 13 per cent.

La Presse (Chapleau) rebukes the protestants of Ontario for looking askance at Sir John Thompson. He changed his religion and became a Roman Catholic. La Presse (Lib.) adds: "It is only fair to say that if Sir Hector changed his religion and became a protestant the Catholic clergy of Quebec would look upon him with contempt." The Rev. Dr. Douglas entertains of Thompson.

It has been remarked that in his charge to the jury at the College displayed at the Montreal conference, the Hon. Mr. Baccarat, that hereafter, it is quite probable, they will be regarded as the rules of the game as laid down from the beginning. It is given rules for high authority. There are traditions of a certain New Brunswick judge who could give Lord Coleridge pointers in this line of legal lore.

A SLEEPING CAR EPISODE.
[St. Paul Pioneer Press.]
Mr. and Mrs. Whiffin were on their way to the Hot Springs, where Mr. W. intended to get relief for his rheumatism in the baths. On leaving home Mr. W. prepared for an emergency by taking along mustard plasters, with which any pains incident to the fatigue of railroad travel might be relieved. At a way station a drunken travelling man boarded the train, and was put to bed in the berth next to Mr. and Mrs. W. by the porter. Shortly after, Mr. W. woke up with a dreadful stitch in his side. Like a good dutiful wife, Mrs. W. arose and went to the lavatory to make a strong extra strong mustard plaster which to relieve the pain of her liege lord.

On her return she pulled the wrong curtain aside and placed the plaster upon the stomach of the senseless, drunken drummer. Then she went to the lavatory, washed her hands and returned to her berth, getting into the right section and finding Mr. W. asleep. "The plaster had relieved the pain," said the good woman; and with that thought on her mind she fell asleep.

Nothing disturbed the sleepers except the rattle of the wheels jumping rails for some minutes. Finally a loud groan was heard; then these words: "Oh, my stomach, my s-t-o-m-a-c-h, oh-h-h" This was followed by "I'll never touch another drop as long as I live. Oh, it's burning a hole in me; oh-h-h!"

SAGACITY OF ANIMALS.
Recent Steves, of Hillsboro, narrates a recent experience that credits more than the sense to the intelligence of the lower animals. Mr. S. is foreman in a plaster quarry at Hillsboro and one morning at an early hour while going to his work noticed his mare following him in an excited manner. She would run up to him and look back in the opposite direction. Such unusual conduct as this from the brute creation induced him to retruce his steps the more than taking the lead and Mr. Steves following on in nearly the same degree of excitement as the anxious mare, he finally stopped close by a pile of brush and there to the surprise of Mr. S. was a little colt a few hours old that had become entangled in the brush wood. The little fellow was soon set at liberty and snuff with the now satisfied mother. Mare and colt are both doing well.

ROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

The reports of the revolution in Portugal are entirely unfounded. Mr. Parnell has been ordered to pay \$3,500 as the costs in the O'Shea divorce suit. The census of England and Wales shows a population of 29,000,000, being an increase of 3,000,000 in the last decade. Advice from Samoa show that island to be in a greatly perturbed state owing to discussions between the followers of King Malietoa of Samoa.

A wreck occurred on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad at Coon Rapids, Iowa, on Tuesday night, in which two persons were killed and 21 injured, including Peter Goetsner, of Montreal. A bridge gave way. Bernard Glaudi, convicted of an attempt to bribe tales juror Henry A. Atwood in the Hennessy case, at New Orleans, was sentenced by Judge Marr to a year at hard labor in the penitentiary.

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Connecticut has a collateral inheritance tax law, which provides that 5 per cent of all the personal estate over \$10,000 goes into the state treasury. Under this law it cost the late P. T. Barnum's estate over sixty-four thousand dollars to have him die a resident of this state. The supreme court of Ottawa, has concluded the hearing of appeals for this term and will deliver judgments on Monday next. What cases will be disposed of is not finally settled, but probably it will be nearly all that are standing except those argued in the present term.

A deaf and dumb man was arrested in the village of Herbin, Austria, for vagrancy, and was put in a cell. The police forgot all about the prisoner and did not visit his cell again until Monday, when it was found the man had died of starvation and that the body had been eaten by rats. The sensational breach of promise case, Miss Valerie Wiedmann against Capt. Horace Walpole, in which the lady asked for \$100,000 damages was decided at London on Wednesday. The jury found a verdict for Miss Wiedmann giving her \$1500 damages. Capt. Walpole will apply for a new trial. The Methodist conference at Toronto on Wednesday suspended for a year Rev. Jas. Thompson for preaching the heresy that "There's no material hell, no punishment for wrong doers but annihilation, and that the idea that they would be punished with perpetual fire was illogical and unsupported by scriptural testimony."

The rise in Canadian Pacific railway stock, the result of placing at the head of the Canadian government Hon. Mr. Abbott, for many years solicitor of the railway, and a few days ago a director of the company, culminated in a regular boom, nearly 1,100 shares changing hands at 80 to 80 1/2—the highest figures the stock has reached for some time.

During the passage of Friday's thunder storm lightning struck the barn of Stephen Frost, of Alexander, Washington county, N. B. Almost as soon as the lightning struck, the barn was enveloped in flames and he was unable to save anything it contained. Four calves, two pigs and all his farming implements were destroyed. The loss was about \$500 with no insurance.

Despairing of securing the body of P. Purcell, Cornwall, Ont., by means of the reward offered, relatives of the deceased approached Narmal Derouche, who had been arrested on suspicion and subsequently discharged. They promised Derouche \$500 with immunity from prosecution if the body was returned. He undertook the task and news of the recovery of the body is looked for hourly.

The Baltimore, Md., World publishes a history of Fannie Riland who had been arrested there as an opium fiend. She was from a distinguished Virginia family, and has a brother who is a prominent naval officer. She began to drink for sickness, fell a slave to the habit, sank lower and lower, and was arrested there as a respectable die, under an assumed name. Her father's \$15,000 claim suit is not filed in Washington.

A sad accident occurred at Red Bank, Chipman county, on Tuesday. A Mrs. Rankin was standing at her door talking to a man named John Ward during the storm. Ward just left her when she was struck by lightning and killed. The lightning passed through the house without doing any damage. It, however, struck the well sweep and smashed it, and also struck an apple tree and uprooted it. Mrs. Rankin leaves a family, and to make the case more sad her husband is all blind or nearly so. Her children are living.

A sad drowning accident occurred on Wednesday at Parker Ford, in the Schuykill Valley railroad. A man named Bixley was intoxicated, behaving like a crazy man. By some means he induced two children by name of Knorr, to accompany him. Seizing them by the hand he ran along the canal bank, dragging the children along at such a rate that they were unable to keep their feet. With a leap he sprang into the canal pulling the children after him. As the trio sank one of the children tore away from the demon and made her escape. A dreadful murder story is reported from Woodlands, forty miles northwest of Winnipeg. James Taggell, a farmer, had in his house a young Englishman, 17 years of age, whom he was bringing up Taggell went a way some distance and left in the house his sister-in-law, Mrs. Godfrey and the lad, who is named Patent. On his return he found Patent was absent and the woman had been murdered and thrown into the well. After a while Patent came back. He said they had quarrelled about the cows, and that he had shot the woman and then thrown her into the well. Additional particulars of the terrible catastrophe which occurred Sunday last near the mining city of Coahuila, Mexico, the sense to the intelligence of the lower animals. Mr. S. is foreman in a plaster quarry at Hillsboro and one morning at an early hour while going to his work noticed his mare following him in an excited manner. She would run up to him and look back in the opposite direction. Such unusual conduct as this from the brute creation induced him to retruce his steps the more than taking the lead and Mr. Steves following on in nearly the same degree of excitement as the anxious mare, he finally stopped close by a pile of brush and there to the surprise of Mr. S. was a little colt a few hours old that had become entangled in the brush wood. The little fellow was soon set at liberty and snuff with the now satisfied mother. Mare and colt are both doing well.

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