

taking his glass of wine at dinner if he liked it. This instance of the evil I speak of extends to every man who honestly thinks he has a right to use his own discretion in matters of eating and drinking. That a large class of society do not use their discretion, but abuse themselves and become an annoyance to others by drinking for drinking's sake, is a truism which I do not look over, but what right has any one to make men who turn themselves into beasts' bugbears to respectable people? What right have people to trifle with my good name who decidedly prefer beer to water because a wretched set of beings choose to degrade themselves by abusing what I use?

I do not want to mingle myself up with Temperance Leagues, as long as they follow this line of politics—but I will gladly join with them, if they will give up their horrible and degrading sensation descriptions and experiences, and their impertinent and unjustifiable censures upon men of moderation. A large field for doing good is open here, more perhaps, than in most places. What do I see around me—in my own sphere of life? I see parents sending their sons at 15 or 16 years of age to learn business—and merchants take them, because they are glad to get errand boys cheap—for nothing)—and for this, these boys are taken from school and thrown into direct collision with a lower grade of society. I see these young men bye and bye, form chums, having a glass with this fellow, and a glass with that fellow. I see that the fashion among them (and parents know it): construes a refusal on their part to have a glass as a part insult. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"—so as it won't do to be a dull boy—and as running errands, is not in their idea "play" what must they do? They must go and have a glass and be sociable, for there is no opportunity for "play" in any other way. Even going down to the wharf when the "Prior" is out, is slow fun after a while! I see no effort made by parents to instil a taste for out-door sports, as a safety valve for the dullness spoken of in the proverb! I see no cricket ground in Halifax, (the subscriptions of parents could soon buy one!) I see no encouragement given to an interest in the Volunteer movement, &c. In short, I see no opportunity afforded these lads to join in anything of the kind! If they want "play" they must invite a friend to have a glass. In the evening again, I go to parties, and I see no brothers of families there! No—they are all errand boys—learning business as it is called, and these are the encouragers of drunkenness, and this all work and no "play" is the evil which debases the tastes of those lads who are not wise enough to resist the growing evil, and thence the evil penetrates through all grades of society—and the parents who thus save school bills and subscriptions to Cricket Clubs and Volunteer Associations, and who too readily lay the flattering unction to their souls that getting some merchant to let them run errands for nothing, is a good way to provide for their children's interests, are the people whom Temperance spouters should declaim at, pointing out their folly and the wicked recklessness of their ways, and not at those respectable men who choose to take what they like in moderation, and whom you describe as "obstructive trimmers who take one glass and feel no sin."

Yours, faithfully,

EAGLE EYE.

To the Editor of the "BULLFROG"

SIR:—

Many names have been suggested for the proposed British American Confederation. I beg to add another to the list, and trust it may prove acceptable.

The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, was one of the most important events in maritime history, but a Florentine adventurer had the good fortune, most unjustly, to give his name to the new Continent, reminding us of Virgil's famous lines.

Hos ego versiculos feci, tulit alter honores.

Sic vos non robis aulificatis aces;

Sic vos non robis tellura fertis oves;

Sic vos non robis mellificatis apes;

Sic vos non robis fertis cratera boves.

An opportunity is now afforded to the British nation, of paying to the great discoverer a debt too long due. The name of *Columbin* is out of the question, being already appropriated. I suggest therefore, that the Christian name of the illustrious navigator be

adopted for this purpose, by calling the New State *Christova*.

The prison chains of this truly great man lie buried with him in his grave, as though he had lived and died a criminal; and the Continent which he discovered, not by accident, but by his skill and patience, has now an opportunity of doing him an act of posthumous justice, such as can never occur again.

I suggest further that the Royal Patent of the New State, date from the 12th of October, that being the day of the year 1492, when the Island now called St. Salvador was discovered by Columbus.

CHRISTOVA.

It was the *Christian name* of Americus Vesputius, that was given to the new world; this makes it not inappropriate that the *Christian name* of the Genoese discoverer should now take its rightful place at the head of the Continent. Or, if the name *Christova* is not approved, then call the New State *Cipango*, the object of the great Admiral's golden fancies.

Local and other Items.

OBITUARY.—We much regret to learn the decease, at St. George's Bermuda, of JOHN MIGNOWITZ, Esq., of the firm of Mignowitz & Co., Granville Street. This young man had proceeded to Bermuda but a few weeks since, when he has been stricken down by the fever which has carried so much mourning through those Islands. Mr. Mignowitz was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintance of this city by whom his sudden death will be felt as a severe blow. The family will have the sympathy of the whole community in this their sad bereavement.—*Recorder*

The *Sackville Border* states that the snow is very deep over the mountains between Amherst and Truro, and that it is next to impossible for the mails to get along they are consequently many hours behind their time. The roads through the lower part of Sackville are also so blocked with snow that the traveller has to creep along under fences and in ditches that momentarily threatens to capsize him. Between the Corner and Charters, and over the Monamcook marsh the road is also very much drifted.—*Chronicle*

A COOL CUSTOMER.—About three months since Dr. Allen, Mayor of Cornwall, fled to California leaving his affairs in an embarrassed condition and his seat at the head of the Town Council vacant. Last week he reappeared in Town having returned from the Pacific coast, and at the ordinary meeting of the Council took his place in the chair as if he had been regularly attending to the duties of office. Some of the members objected on the ground that the municipal act declares a seat vacant if a member absents himself for three months without the leave of the Council. The doctor however, holds on to the place and intends to run again at the next election.—*Recorder*

The Governor General's calls for Militia to do duty on the Canadian frontier has been responded to with alacrity. The papers say that offers by different volunteer companies continue to pour in from all parts of the Province. It is not thought that a very large number will be required. The term of service will be until May next, and the different companies will be distributed judiciously along the more important points.

CHRISTMAS CHEERY.—The scholars, of the Sabbath School attached to the Bishop's Chapel, on Thursday evening last enjoyed a treat kindly prepared for them by their elders. About two hundred children of both sexes and all ages were present; and after the good things provided had been "stowed away," an interesting address was delivered by his Lordship the Bishop who manifested a great degree of interest in the proceedings of the evening. A magic lantern was also exhibited. We are glad to know that Salem Sunday School was never in a more flourishing condition than at present.

The Deaf and Dumb at the Institution have not been forgotten during this auspicious season. Such a trifling seems to render them supremely happy, that it is gratifying to learn that they have been amply regaled with Christmas cheer and that the enjoyment thereof has been immense.—*Id.*

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—The Hon. Provincial Secretary stated in the course of his speech at Temperance Hall on Saturday evening last, that the Legislature of this Province would meet for the despatch of business on Thursday the 9th of Feb. next.—*Recorder*.

The Old Year ended during a rain-storm, and the New Year ushered in under a copious flow of the watery element. In consequence of this the Watch Meeting at the Brunswick street Methodist Church was not so largely attended as usual. A sermon was preached and some good singing by the choir passed

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