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### FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

It is said that the relations between France and England are strained almost to the breaking point. To find what it is all about we must go back a long way, and it is doubtful if even then we can get at any real cause. France is irritated not at any thing which England has done, but at her own failures, and she ventilates her ill-nature by threats against her island neighbor. This is a tolerably safe operation. If any bullying was done toward Germany, Bismarck would be up in a moment, and the noisy papers which talk so flippantly of war would either have to retract or else there would be wigs on the green. But *Le Figaro* and its brilliant, but not altogether judicious contemporaries may talk about settling old scores with *Perfidious Albion*, and no one on the northern side of the Channel thinks it necessary to pay any attention.

It is, however, among the possibilities that there may be some fire which causes the smoke now pervading the political atmosphere in France. One cannot suppose that the ridiculous retraction which the French have made in their demands on China have been due to any fear of the Celestial Empire. More probably the cause is as has been alleged, that France wishes to enter upon operations elsewhere and does not wish to be hampered by a Chinese war. It may be that Egypt is the place where the army is to be employed; it may be that the time is felt to be ripe to stir up a collision with Morocco. In the latter case England would probably stand by an indifferent spectator; but if France attempts to land an army in Egypt to gain by force what has been lost by diplomacy, serious trouble must arise.

In this connection it is timely to contemplate the position which Canada occupies. We have nothing to gain or lose by the questions which are agitating Europe. Whether France owns Morocco or England Egypt; whether this or that particular river is the boundary of French occupation in China or Madagascar, is neither here or there to us. We have nothing to say about it; and yet tomorrow we may be involved in a war because of some of these to us unimportant questions. If Canada were independent she would not be mixed up in these squabbles.

### THE BAPTIST SEMINARY.

The location of the Baptist Seminary is now under discussion. In choosing a site for such an institution several considerations ought to be looked to.—Healthfulness of the locality, its advantages in an educational sense outside of the proposed seminary, convenience of access, and cheapness of living. In all these particulars Fredericton can make out a strong case. The locality is as healthful as any in the Province. This is an admitted fact; but if proof were necessary it could be given. The University has been located here ever since its foundation, and the Normal School has been established here for seven years; and we venture to say that the percentage of deaths and serious illness among the pupils will be found to be remarkably low, and this notwithstanding the complaints about the water, now happily ended by our excellent artificial supply.

On the point of educational advantages, of which students at the Seminary could have the benefit, Fredericton is without a rival. The University affords an opportunity for attendance at lectures by advanced pupils, a privilege which many would be glad to avail themselves of. The Legislative Library would be open to all who desire to use it at a nominal charge, and bearing in mind the necessity for a good library in connection with a Seminary, and the fact that it will necessarily be some years before the Directors of the new institution will be able to meet its wants in this particular, this consideration appears entitled to great weight.

In point of location, it should be remembered that by the time the Seminary can be built, Fredericton will be

the converging point of the provincial system of railways. The New Brunswick Railway affords a direct road to St. John, Charlotte, Carleton, and Victoria counties and the western parts of Kings, Queens and Sunbury County. The Miramichi Railway will give a direct road to Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland and Kent; and the Central to Westmorland and Albert and the eastern part of Kings, Queens and Sunbury. These three roads will pass through York, and thus every point in the Province will be embraced within the system centering at Fredericton. By a half day's ride by rail from Fredericton, nearly every town in the Province can then be reached.

For cheapness of living, Fredericton is equal to any other locality and superior to many. There is a large and well supported market here for meat, fish, and all kinds of farm produce. A comparison between living expenses here and in St. John show a difference of fully 20 per cent. in favor of Fredericton.

An important feature in connection with a Seminary for young people is the facilities for out of door sports. The river here gives a chance for boating in summer and for skating in winter. Spacious grounds can be obtained near the city at a reasonable rate, or, for that matter, within the city limits.

In case a site should be chosen within the city proper, it is not improbable that the City Council would agree to exempt the Seminary from taxation. No other church property here is taxed, and an exception would probably not be made in the case of the Seminary. Perhaps also free use of the city water, or a reduced rate might be conceded.

We do not know whether our Baptist friends in the city propose making an effort to have the Seminary located here, and without waiting to find out we start the ball rolling. The advantage to Fredericton of having such an institution here would be very considerable, and we are quite sure that the benefits would not be altogether on one side.

### A SCHOOL MASTER ON THE SCHOOL LAW.

No one has any objection to Mr. Parkin's attacking the government and the school law in the columns of the *Capital*; but at the same time he cannot expect any person to believe in his sincerity, while he continues to hold a position which he complains is irksome, discouraging, poorly paid, and calculated to provoke him to discontent, and even to rebellion. His attempt to represent himself as the champion of a down-trodden profession, and as an injured man who has been the subject of a personal attack, is as transparent as it is ridiculous.

Mr. Parkin informs the public that "he holds his position lightly, as those to whom he is responsible know very well."

We agree with Mr. Parkin in this matter. He holds his position altogether too lightly. If he were impressed with a proper sense of its responsibilities "those to whom he is responsible" would be better pleased with the manner in which he discharges his duties. In boasting that he thus regards the important place in the educational service to which he has been appointed, he fully bears out the views expressed in *THE GLEANER*, to which he takes exception, namely, that "the leading profession is spoiled by a lot of people who think themselves too good for it." But since he admits that he holds the place "lightly," why does he hold it at all? There is no law compelling him to do what is distasteful to him, but for which he receives a salary of \$1200 for doing five hours alleged work daily for less than 200 days. Why does he not give place to some man who will appreciate the responsibilities, the dignity and the real value of such a post as that of Principal of the Fredericton High School, and who will, by giving to his work as a teacher some of the enthusiasm, which in Mr. Parkin's case finds vent in politics, make that school what the taxpayers of Fredericton complain it is not, a fitting crown to the very excellent city school system? There are, we repeat, altogether too many teachers who hold their places "lightly," and by a not unnatural sequence they come to be held "lightly" themselves by "those to whom they are responsible."

Much has been said and written about teachers' salaries, and no one that we know of pretends that in the great majority of cases they are high enough—though in the case of some who hold their places lightly, any salary is too much—but what has been advanced has been chiefly vague and impractical, consisting for the most

part of childish complaints. The question of the pay of teachers is a practical one. At present there are about 1,500 teachers in the Province averaging in round numbers \$300 a year. To increase their pay one third, which would be to give first class teachers on an average about \$750 a year, \$150,000 would have to be raised. Now will these reformers and champions of down-trodden teachers tell us how they are going to raise a dollar of it? They cannot at present get it from the Provincial Government, for the grant out of the general revenue is already as large as the other demands of the public service will admit of, and is larger in proportion than the government aid in any other Canadian province. This grant has not been reduced. Its method of distribution has been altered, and that is all. The grading system was really designed as a cover for a reduction of salaries and so it operated, greatly to the disadvantage of the poorer localities. There are two other sources from which the schools are supported, the County School Fund, and the District Assessments. Do Mr. Parkin and gentlemen of his class propose to increase the County School Fund? Or do they propose to have an increase in the District Assessments made compulsory? Or what do they propose? If they have a scheme, let them propound it, and it will receive attention. There has been enough printer's ink wasted already on dreary rubbish about the irksomeness of teaching and complaints of lack of appreciation. The man who finds his work irksome is generally not fit for it, and he who complains that he is not appreciated generally is, and that is what is the matter with him.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The *Halifax Herald* puts at the head of its columns "John Y. Payzant, Esq.," as its cardholder. This looks very absurd, and it is very absurd. Why not simply say "John Y. Payzant." We don't talk of James G. Blaine, Esq., or of Grover Cleveland, Esq., or of William E. Gladstone Esq. There are some people who think the highest compliment they can pay a man is to tack something on before or after his name. If they get a letter out of the office addressed to them simply with their name without the prefix of Mr. or the addition of Esq. they are offended. Yet John Smith is simply John Smith, and so far as *THE GLEANER* is concerned that is all the name he will get, except perhaps the prefix of Mr.

### WOODSTOCK NOTES.

The farmers here had one week of very fine weather, and a large quantity of good saleable hay has been housed.

John Day, of Lower Woodstock, has succeeded in establishing a ferry at the old site, near Greenbank.

The Methodist Sunday School children with their teachers and friends had a very enjoyable time at their annual picnic in Hartland on Tuesday.

The Woodstock Pleasure Grounds Association are going to have a gala day on September 3rd.

Bob Seaborn has challenged all comers in the 2 year old race; J. D. Reid's colt being excepted. Many "byers" are expected from a distance to compete for the large purses offered.

Our correspondent was recently shown through the fine new private residence of Dr. Connell, which was built this summer. This house is a model of the fashionable dwelling houses seen in larger cities, and for compactness and convenience is unsurpassed in Woodstock. The finishing is all of black walnut. The furnishings of each set of rooms correspond with the painting, each set of rooms being painted a different color.

The new main street Baptist Church promises, when completed, to be one of the finest buildings in Woodstock. This building is 50x100 feet in size, and is of the modern Gothic style of architecture.

The new public school house on East Broadway, nearly opposite the Cemetery, is a fine handsome building, and will be much valued by those who reside in Washington Ward.

This building will be opened after the summer vacation. The new Government building will be opened in less than three months. The Post Office is now much needed.

Woodstock, Aug. 8th.

### Attacked by a Mad Dog.

On Tuesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, while Mr. G. N. Cannon's two-year old child was amusing itself on the floor of the sitting room, a large dog owned by Mr. Wilkinson, entered the house and going up to the child put both paws upon its breast; the child at the same time began fondling the dog, whereupon the brute immediately began tearing at the child's face. The people in the adjoining room heard the noise, and upon going in found the child held in the dog's mouth and bleeding profusely. Three of the women undertook to take the child away, but in vain, and they had to call upon a man to assist them. The child is fearfully disfigured, and no hopes of its recovery are entertained. One eye is dug out and its forehead almost separated from the lower part of the face. Mr. Cannon succeeded in killing the dog, but not without great difficulty. He was also attacked by the dog while endeavoring to kill him. Drs. Baxter and Ross rendered medical assistance. Mr. Cannon lives on the Lewisville Road, near Robinson's bridge.—*Moncton Transcript*.

### Business Notes.

It will be learned with regret that the pressure of the times has been felt by the extensive John Logan tanning business at Pictou, and that a judgment for a large amount (said to be \$160,000) has been entered by the local bank. A letter received states that a number of the employees have been discharged; but it is to be hoped that arrangements may be made whereby this important industry will be continued.—*Halifax Recorder*.

Messrs. Hayford & Stetson have closed down the long lumber department in both their mills and are now only running on shingles. Messrs. Kirk & Daniel's mill has not been started this season. All the other mills are still running.—*Globe*.

At the meeting of the Stockholders of the Halifax cotton mill, Wednesday last, the Directors reported that they had reduced production to a minimum, owing to the dull times. "The balance sheet shows, that after paying off the debit balance mentioned at the last annual meeting of \$1,355.98 there is a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of \$3,069.67; but your directors desiring to have the stock of manufactured goods at a low and safe valuation have reduced the amount still further by \$1,500, leaving the balance to profit and loss \$1,569.67."

Up to Friday last, Mr. Alex. Gibson has shipped from St. John 80,000,000 feet of deals, Mr. J. M. Mackay 17,000,000 feet, and other parties 9,000,000.

Messrs. T. Hicks, Abner Smith, and A. & W. Fawcett of Sackville, shipped six carloads of cattle on Wednesday for Halifax en route to England.

### GLEANINGS.

A Good Budget of News from all Parts of the Province.  
Halifax boasts of a policeman weighing 220 pounds.

Mr. Claudius H. Mitchell, Sackville, completed his examination and received the St. John Business College diploma on Wednesday.

A workman on the N. B. Granite Works, Carleton, had a leg broken while handling a large piece of granite on Wednesday.

Mr. Rudcock failing in his attempt to raise the steamer *State of Maine*, the I. S. S. Co. are about to negotiate with other parties willing to undertake the job of raising the wreck.

The Woodstock Brass Band has been re-organized under the able leadership of Thomas Lynch.

A deaf and dumb tramp, who talks fluently when under the influence of whiskey, is one of the curiosities of Chatham.

Sister Cleophas, daughter of Moses Conners, Esq., of Chatham, has been elected Mother Superior of the Halifax Sisters of Charity.

The Scott Act cases in Moncton, are hung up for the present, a question having arisen as to the jurisdiction of the stipendiary to act under his present commission.

Messrs. Treen and McDonald, the contractors for the New Post Office building at Newcastle, are making arrangements for the commencement of their work.

Eight carloads of pitch pine were taken from the Government pier and forwarded to Chatham on Wednesday. They will be used for the construction of bridges on the Miramichi Railway.

G. A. Knodell has presented the Free Public Library with a complete set of Encyclopedic Britannica. At a meeting of the trustees yesterday a vote of thanks was passed to him for his valuable gift.—*St. John Sun*.

Two elegant buffet cars have just been placed on the Maine Central Railroad to run between Boston and St. John. They are the first of the kind the Pullman Company have built, and were built expressly for this road, and are fitted up with the greatest elegance.

The erection of a new roller skating rink has been commenced at Moncton. The building is to be of wood, 173 feet, 4 inches long by 89 feet wide, with main post 14 feet high and peak of roof 50 feet. The surface or skating floor will be 152x69 feet and will accommodate 1,000 skaters. The management expect to keep on hand from 5,000 to 7,000 pairs of skates for hire.

James Stewart, writes from Boiestown to the *Chatham World* as follows:—DEAR SIR: In your last issue I find a statement of 15,000 lbs. of salmon and grille having been seized at Boiestown, which is more than all the salmon and grille that have been caught in this district this season. The man who gave this statement did well to save his name from being put in print. There have not been many fish caught in this belted parish. Always tell the truth, and you will be better satisfied at your last days. Read your Bible, and don't lie any more.

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