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THE GAZETTE.

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Most cheering news comes from all parts of Canada, in regard to the approaching elections. The success of the Conservative party is assured. The country is tired of Gritism, and only awaits the opportunity of showing by their votes that Canada does not want a party of broken promises and unfulfilled promises.

The people of Victoria County during the last few weeks have been treated to a "sweet morsel" in the form of a circular letter from Dr. Bethune, accepting what he chooses to call a "largely signed" requisition asking him to be the Liberal candidate at the next election.

His acceptance omits several important things that he should have informed the people of Victoria about before he offered for reelection. First he gives his quondam Liberal friends no assurance that he will not forsake them after next election, like he did the Conservatives who elected him last election. And in the second place he offers no apology to the men who voted for him last election, and whose political principles he betrayed. We do not imagine that the independence of the people of Victoria County, will permit them to allow Dr. Bethune to be their political conscience, and that they will again honor a man with the County representation, after his late betrayal.

It Dr. Bethune after he was elected saw reasons that would justify him to change his political coat he had the undeniable privilege of every citizen to do so. But he was also the custodian of the political principles of a party that sent him to Ottawa to be true to them, and if he saw that as an individual he would have to change party to follow conscience his bounden duty as a conscientious man, and honorable politician was to resign his seat: to say to the people of Victoria, "I have changed my political views, and I now resign my seat, in honor to myself, and in accord with my obligations to you. Re-elect me if you will, but I will not hold the seat a traitor to the people."

All fair minded men would then give the Dr. credit for straightforwardness, and political sincerity. The people of Victoria will remind him of this when they poll their votes.

The Dr.'s letter is "oily". He evidently has knelt before the blarney stone and kissed it well. In a burst of home loyalty he says: "This is my home. The best part of my life has been spent here, and here I intend to remain as long as my life is spared." Nice taffy for the people. In other words, I am the great Dr. Bethune, I have honored the County of Victoria, by my presence, and intend to do so. My honors will "never have the effect of making me too important, to find my greatest happiness in living among them, and sharing their interests".

Such stuff is an insult to intelligent people. Why does he inform the people of Victoria County that he will never be too "stuck up" to live among them? Why this assurance? Surely he does not think the people imagine that he will become greater than his surroundings and expand until the County cannot hold him. It is also presumed that an individual will never become greater than the circumstances that made him, and the individuals among whom, and from whom he derived his "greatness". He will calm the disturbed feelings of any Victoria man, who thought that the Dr. might become elated, to have his assurance that he will practice self-suppression.

Dr. Bethune cannot command the respect of his old time sup-

port that betrays one party without cause, is ready to betray another, and it is a poor recommendation that the Doctor's record gives him to the people of Victoria.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Cross Roads, C. B.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me through your paper, to thank the people of Cross Roads, St. George's Channel, for their kindness and generosity to me as a teacher with them for six months.

The reason of my departure before the term closes, is on account of illness in my home.

Yours, ETHEL BRUNDIGE, Cross Roads, C. B.

Editor GAZETTE,

Sir:—Your correspondent Kerose Oil thinks himself smart, and tries to make fun of Mr. Joseph Matheson, and his party, but I must say a word for them. Like "Kerosene" I want to give credit to the ones that deserve it. I had a son (twenty-one years old last year) he tried to get work from the Grits on the breakwaters around the County, but could not as his father was a Tory, so he went away, and shipped on a vessel from Gloucester. He wrote home twice, and I wrote him twice, and it cost me two cents less than, if the Tories were in power. That all the letters that I wrote, but I want to give Joe credit for those two cents. Now, if I were not a poor man, see the benefit I would have got from letter writing.

I had stock in the New Glasgow Steel works, I would have to write, perhaps fifty letters a week, and that would save me fifty cents. Then if I held stock in the Sugar Refinery I would write another fifty and save another fifty cents. Then if I held stock in the Bank of Nova Scotia I would write ten to it, and save ten cents. If I held stock in the Merchants Bank I would write ten to it, and save another ten cents. And also ten letters each to the Peoples Bank, Union Bank, Halifax Bank and etc., saving ten cents on each, a total of thirty cents. That would be a dollar and a half I would have saved on writing to Steel works and Banks, not saying anything of the two cents saved in writing to my son, I don't suppose "Kerosene Oil" makes that much money in a week.

He doesn't know how to make money. Let him stop fishing and setting lobster traps, and commence writing letters, and he will make lots of money. Ain't I right Mr. Matheson, Kerosene-Oil doesn't understand it, you and the Grit government, don't make things cheap for the men who will be spending their time in making nets and setting lobster traps. The Grit government is a great big government. Let Kerosene-Oil buy bank stock, shares in steel works, and great big things, and commence to write letters, and he will save money every time. Ain't I right Mr. Matheson, the Grits don't want the fisherman, farmer and laborer, just big men who write letters.

POSTAGE-STAMP.

Isle Madame, April 19th.

Editor GAZETTE:

Sir,—Spare me space through your columns to reply to a statement in the Record, of 30 March, made against me by Jos. Matheson, of L. Lardiose, March 29, 1900.

Now Mr. Matheson what do

I demand of you to point out in any part of that, that I lied. Was it because I refused the offer the Record made by asking you to reopen the office and restore it to me? I give no one leave to handle my name in such a manner. It surprised me on seeing my name coupled with yours, in the Record of March 9th, and to see the question it was on,—an attempt to multiply your supporters in this direction.—I am at a loss here for words to express the disgust that overtook me. I must say, if the election was not so near at hand, we would not hear tell of the Bear Island post-office re-opening, but it we, the people of Bear Island wanted the office and got a petition we would not send it to you, it would go to headquarters, and I don't think for the moment, because you are so great that you can pronounce upon the weaker, and call them liars, because they tell the truth. I give the denial and I will repeat it as often as an opportunity permits me to do so.

Why, as a gentleman and wealthy man to have such language? He fits it is something similar to Tarte and the Fox Bay settlers. You said you never spoke or corresponded with me. Did I say you did? I am not at all acquainted with you, I know you not. Again you said you did not know that there ever was an office at Bear Island or in its vicinity. Now Mr. Matheson it has come to my turn to remember you of the last canvass you made through this district. You called to my house, Mr. James Proctor, of Lower River Inhabitants, was with you. The office was kept in my house then and no one could pass the way without seeing the post office sign. I would not accept an office from the party I don't support. I am no office seeker of any kind, I can live without such things.

Now sir you will apologize, and satisfy me for this insult without delay.

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Cross Roads, Points.

Having not seen any notes in your paper from here, perhaps some would not be amiss.

Spring has arrived and our farmers are busy to work.

Our teacher, Miss Brundige, who was sick for a week is again to her duties. Miss McPhail performed the duty of pedagogue during her absence.

Fishing is now the order of the morning, and some of our men are doing fairly well as the "scatan birroch" are quite plenty. Now is the time for baiters to secure good fresh bait while the weather keeps cool. Cod are reported scarce.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Alex. Urquhart who has been sick for a long time is recovering. We hope by the time warm weather is here he will be restored to his usual health.

Murdoch Urquhart has erected a new barn on his farm, which proves that farming is a progressing industry. Success to you Murdoch.

We are sorry to see our school trustees so slow in taking steps for the erection of the new school house. Surely it is high time now to arise and try and get up to date. I too bad that such an important object would be left pass from day to day, and lumber around in abundance.

I see by your last issue that the bounty cheques have been paid in various parts of our county. Our fishermen here are denied that help this year, although they all secure much more than the required weight. How is it? Is this another of our "Grit friends" schemes? Why are not our fish-

country districts? My brother-in-law, thought Bros., arrived this week.

On the terminal wharf are several of Armon's cold storage cars, with shipments from that great Chicago firm, for Newfoundland and the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. The former is under contract to the latter, it appears, for supplying coal to the works, but they are unwilling to supply it for construction work. They claim, it is said, that this is not part of their contract.

Some places there are destroyed especially at night time.

Miss Brundige spent Easter holidays at Port Hawkesbury, Miss Morrison, teacher of Port, Miss Teresa McDonald accompanied them as far as West Bay.

Jas. Cameron, of Halifax, was visiting at Mrs. Hill's, He left Monday, en route for Louisiana, C. B.

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Mr. Roderick McLeod is at present busily engaged in building a new barn.

D. K. McRae, teacher, L'Archeveque, spent Easter here visiting friends.

Mr. Norman McDonald, accompanied by his daughter Ellen, were visiting at M. A. McLeod's, Loch Lomond West, last week.

It seems that some people's regard for truth is so slight, that they would spread prevaricating reports about persons whose reputation either at home or abroad is above reproach. "By their fruits all trees are known".

Mr. Evans, watchmaker, passed through here last week on a professional tour.

Our intelligent electors are long for the day to come, when their votes will be a nail in the coffin of Liberalism. For most assuredly when the time comes the people of Loch Lomond will give a good account of themselves in marking their ballots in favor of J. A. Gillies, our able representative, and good government; for they have no more use for the party of "Broken Promises".

SHORT-FELLOW.

St. George's channel.

Nature is once more putting on the appearance of spring.

Messrs. Murdoch Melnis and Wm. H. Ross have completed the erection of a barn farm for Alex. Urquhart, Points. The work is O. K.

Rev. Wm. Herdman, of Pictou, preached an able and instructive sermon here last Sunday.

A number of the young ladies of the vicinity availed themselves of the Easter holidays to accompany Miss Ada Morrison, teacher, to her home at Point Tupper.

Miss Brundige, teacher, Points section closed school a few days ago and left for her home at Sheet Harbour Halifax Co. Her brother was seriously ill.

Our teacher, D. McInnis, spent his Easter holidays visiting friends in Grand Anse and Kenap Road. Your correspondent is sorry to notice that he contracted a cold while away.

AMATEUR.

Red Islands.

Nothing of unusual importance has occurred since you heard from me last.

We were favored with a few visitors on the occasion of Easter, among them, P. D. McNeil, teacher, and J. A. McDonald, Big Pond; Miss Catherine Johnston, St. Peter's; and Michael Macdonald and Miss Annie Macdonald, Soldier's Cove.

Messrs. John A. Campbell, Alex. Johnston and Rod Johnston returned from the eastern markets this week, and report fair prices, but access thereto not an easy matter owing to the almost impassible condition of the roads.

A meeting of the members of the Red Island agricultural society was held in the school house on Wednesday, 11th inst., with a purpose to an arrangement for the purchase of seed for the use of the members. At a prior meeting it was agreed to procure for breeding purpose a bull raised on the Glebe property by Rev. Fr. MacPherson.

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