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Newfoundland occupies a strange position as a self-governing colony just now. The control of her railways, coasting steamers, mining industries and many other resources of the island has been transferred to a private speculator, who will handle them for his own profit, pay the government about a million and a half dollars for the advantage he has secured, a royal warrant of the coast he mines, and will save to them the yearly loss at which the railway, steamship and telegraph services have been conducted. For years the governments have faced deficits in the transaction of the business of the island, and about three years ago the island was financially and commercially embarrassed. Confederation with Canada was apparently the only hope of avoiding disaster, and the government of the day sought union with the federated British American provinces. There was, however, a great difficulty in arranging the terms by which Newfoundland would be admitted into the dominion, and the government sought aid from the mother country. This was promised on condition that the island, its financial resources of the island will be should revert to the condition of a crown colony. Neither Canada nor Great Britain would concede the advantages asked for at the price set by a tottering government of bankrupt colony, and no negotiations fell through. At the elections last year the government was ousted and the new administration, which is evidently small confidence in its ability to conduct the great public services of the island to better advantage than its predecessor, since it has virtually mortgaged much of the estates of the island to Mr. Reid, the railway contractor and builder. By this bargain it is estimated that the financial resources of the island will be increased by \$800,000 or \$900,000 annually, and if the government is satisfied with the deal, we presume Mr. Reid also is done, he has secured the control of public works upon which the government has already expended over twelve million dollars. However the bargain may turn out, it places Newfoundland for a time in a unique position; a self-governing colony with a government admittedly incompetent to conduct the public works to advantage. Mr. Reid has been vested with a power greater than that of the government and he should straightway be dubbed "King of Newfoundland."

Hullable was news as at a premium. For the past ten or twelve days the Spanish squadron under Cervantes has been reported at Santiago de Cuba, and for a week reports have been circulated that the combined American fleets, under Schley and Sampson, had had the Spanish ships "bottled up" at that port, and yet none of these reports have been official, and none have borne the stamp of reliable news. Yesterday's despatches announced that 30,000 troops were embarking from gulf ports for Cuba, and that an invasion of the island had actually begun. If this is so the transports will have to be strongly guarded by battleships, and it is more than likely that instead of blockading Cervantes at Santiago, the ships of the American squadron will be in line to assist the troops in effecting a landing.

In spite of the troubled air that must pervade the United States capital, it is announced that the delegates to the Canadian and United States governments have arranged to appoint a commission to consider all subjects of controversy between the two countries. The agreement, as it has been drafted, will be submitted to the British government for approval, and when this is obtained the commission will be organized. This is an important and satisfactory bit of news, and we hope to see arrangements completed for the satisfactory settlement of the disputes that now exist and those which may yet arise between these two great countries of North America.

The Nova Scotia Park Packing Company have a good field here for a successful enterprise. The British market is evidently an unlimited one. Mr. Backhouse, who has been in charge of the enterprise, is also investing over \$100,000 in other park packing factories in the United States and Canada. Middleton is a central point, and the farmers, within easy shipping distance of a packing establishment there, ought to be able to supply sufficient to meet the demand to its full capacity. When the industry is established, it will be a great agent in effecting a freer circulation of money in the county and creating a new source of revenue from farming properties.

It is apparent, in the face of recent French and German ministerial utterances, that Spain will receive no direct European aid, however contingent sympathy may incline to the Spanish cause. France and Germany are pledged to the strictest neutrality, and Austria is tied by that neutrality.

The report that French banks had advanced a loan of four hundred million francs to the Spanish government, indicates that Spain had not, up to that time, pledged all her securities, and that she still has a credit that will furnish ideas of ways to protect the struggle for some time.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Carleton House, Halifax. This hotel has recently been improved and extended and is now first-class, its central location and the homelike air that pervades it making it a desirable residence for visitors to the city. The rates are very moderate, and what tends to the popularity of the Carleton is the special attention that is paid to hotel couples, clerical men, and families who prefer the quiet and comforts of home life.

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The Springfield Foresters.

Court Fees Flower, No. 2558, I. O. F. celebrated its first anniversary on the 24th ult. The members marched in full regalia from their forest home to the Baptist church where a short service was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. Josiah Webb. The foresters were greatly added to the enjoyment of the festivities. After dinner speeches and recitations were the order of the evening. The speakers were Chief Ranger, James C. Ormsby, Court Forester, N. P. Freeman, M. D.; Chaplain, Rev. J. Webb, and others. Bro. Leonard Scudlark recited, to the amusement of all present, "Paddy and the Owl." Mrs. N. P. Freeman exhibited great talent as an elocutian.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., the members met at their forest home, and after clothing themselves in regalia, marched in procession to the Baptist church. The members of the order and a large audience listened to an eloquent oration on the noble work of forestry, by Rev. J. Webb, Chaplain. The subject of his discourse was "The True Religion." The following passage, James 1, 27, was selected as a foundation: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in the world." The preacher emphasized the importance of forestry for the benefit of the world of the apostle Paul: "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." The Court, after a short recess, adjourned to continue the service on the following Sunday. The speaker emphasized the importance of forestry for the benefit of the world of the apostle Paul: "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." The Court, after a short recess, adjourned to continue the service on the following Sunday.

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New Advertisements.

TO LET! Store and office, midway Queen street. Apply to F. L. MILNER, Solicitor. BRIDGE TOWN, May 2nd, 1898.

FARM FOR SALE! The subscriber offers for sale his valuable farm situated 2 1/2 miles from Bridgetown. This is an all day farm, two large orchards, one small plum orchard, good pasture and wood land. House and outbuildings in good order. About two-thirds purchase money can remain on mortgage. Apply to W. M. SCOTT, Bridgetown, May 2nd, 1898.

The Schooners "TEMPLE BAR," AND "HUSTLER," : : : "HUSTLER," will, as usual, make regular trips between this port and St. John, calling at points along the river. Freight handled with care and with quick despatch. For information inquire of J. H. Longmire. The subscriber also keeps for sale, under the name of "HUSTLER," a variety of goods, and offers cheap for cash.

WANTED An Active and Energetic Agent for a non-lariff, old and reliable Fire Insurance Company for Bridgetown and vicinity. Must not have any other company. Apply to P. O. Box 487, 7 St. HALIFAX, N. S.

W. E. WIER, General Insurance Agent and Accountant. Representing: CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE CO. of Hamilton, Ont. OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CO. of London, England. PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE CO. of Brooklyn, N. Y. Also the IMPERIAL SAVINGS, LOAN, AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION, of Toronto, Ont. Merchants' books written up and balanced when required.

SECOND SPRING OPENING! On Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th, we shall make a special display of Millinery Patterns and Novelties. TRIMMED HATS from \$1.50 to \$5.00. CHILDREN'S LACES, BONNETS and HATS from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The ladies are cordially invited to call. MISS A. L. LeCRAIN.

THE GRAND OLD MAN, of Life and Services of the Right Honourable William Joseph Chibbert. The most distinguished of our countrymen, a full and authentic record of his life from his birth on the 10th of February 1812, to his death on the 10th of February 1898. By Richard B. Cook, B. A., author of the "Life of Sir John A. Macdonald." A complete and authoritative record of his life, and contains a full and authentic record of his life, and contains a full and authentic record of his life, and contains a full and authentic record of his life.

THE CARLETON HOUSE, Cor. Argyle & Prince Sts., Halifax. Improved and Extended. Situation very central yet pleasant and retiring. The building is of the highest quality, and is situated in the heart of the city. The rates are very moderate, and what tends to the popularity of the Carleton is the special attention that is paid to hotel couples, clerical men, and families who prefer the quiet and comforts of home life.

Court House, BRIDGETOWN, Tuesday Evening, June 7th. Stove & Company's UNCLE TOM'S CABIN 40 People, Brass Band, Solo Orchestra. A GRAND CAKE WALK (New York's Latest Success). The Animated Song Sheet. See the Band Parade.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT! Notice is hereby given that John R. Saxon and James Herbert Saxon of Bridgetown formerly doing business under the name of J. R. Saxon & Son, have by deed of assignment bearing date February 17th 1898, conveyed all their book debts and personal property to one J. N. TRIST to pay the expenses in connection with the preparation and execution of said deed; certain preferential claims, and hereby all other claims against the said firm and individuals, in the name of J. R. Saxon & Son, are hereby assigned to J. N. TRIST, and he is authorized to receive and collect the book debts which may be paid or owing to which all parties concerned take notice and govern themselves accordingly. F. L. MILNER, Trustee. February 18th, 1898.

Tenders for School House! Tenders are requested for the erection of a school house adjoining St. James' church, Bridgetown. Particulars can be had on application to either of the building committees. L. D. SHAFER, ALBERT WALK, and JOHN H. PIPER, Building Committee.

MISS LOCKETT will have open on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEW SUMMER MILLINERY. Prices the lowest, Assortment the largest. A* A pleasure to show Pattern Bonnets and Hats as any time.

WANTED—Any quantity good clean washed Wool.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bridgetown Importing House We have opened 82 packages of DRY GOODS for the Spring Trade, which makes our stock now complete in every department, and the largest and best we have ever shown. Our last instalment of DRESS GOODS arrived last week per S. S. "Romanian." We are able to show all the newest effects in Dress Goods, Dress Linings and Trimmings, Ladies' Blouse Waists, Corsets, Muslins, Waist Silks, Carpets, Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Paper, Floor Oil Cloths.

MEN'S CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, in large variety. We cheerfully invite inspection. Prices Tell Quality Tells. J. W. BECKWITH.

STRONG & WHITMAN'S SPRING STOCK is now complete in all lines. We have been too busy to keep track of all the cases, bales and small packages which we are opening daily, but we have opened a great quantity, and are busy selling and re-ordering all the time, and our stock at the present time is one of the finest ever shown in the town. An inspection will convince you of this fact.

Our Stock of DRESS GOODS is one of the best ever shown. In light Fancies we are showing an excellent range of Two-Tone Effects from 25c upwards, and in Black Brocades and Plain Alpaca from 24c to 95c per yard. Lining and trimmings to match from the cheapest to the best.

60 pieces DAINTY MUSLINS comprising French, Swiss, English and Canadian makes, from 8c per yard upwards. For variety of Trimmings for these goods we cannot be equalled, as we can give you any desired shade in Silk Lace, Chiffon Lace, Chiffon Ribbon, Wide Chiffon in plain or gathered, and an immense range of Cotton Laces in any width required. COLORS—White, Cream, Butter and Black.

BLOUSE SILKS in great variety. Roman Stripe Wash Silks from 35c per yard upwards. LADIES' BLOUSE WAISTS, Wrappers, Corsets, Undervests, Whitewear, Silk and Taffeta Gloves, Hosiery, Plain Black and Fancy Sunshades—a fine assortment.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS Carpets, Straw Mattings, Lace Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Papers, Curtain Poles with either brass or wood trimmings, Roller Blinds from 18c up, Floor Oil-cloths and Linoleum from one yard to three yards wide, width to match.

READY-MADE CLOTHING! Men's, Youths' and Children's. For a dressy suit for a child ask to see our Brownies.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS! Hats, Caps, Bicycle Pants, Bicycle Belts, Bicycle Hose, etc., etc., Shirts and Ties, in fact everything to be found in a well assorted stock of Gents' Furnishings.

STRONG & WHITMAN'S SPRING STOCK NOW COMPLETE! Dress Goods! Our Stock of DRESS GOODS is the best we have ever shown, having had to repeat a good many lines.

Special values in All-Wool Serges at 22c. See our Black and Colored Serges at 30c., 45c. and 75c. See our Plain and Fancy Alpaca; all prices.

Hosiery! We have the best values in Cotton, Lisle Thread and Cashmere Hose ever shown in this town. See our Seamless Cashmere Hose at 25c; it's a dandy.

Corsets! 2 cases CROMPTON CORSET COMPANY'S CORSETS in all the leading lines. Gloves, Laces, Vests and Sunshades in great variety.

JOHN LOCKETT & SON. WANTED—Any quantity good clean washed Wool.