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One of Hon. Mr Foster's Critics.

The Berwick News is greatly distressed about Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance. It has three counts in its indictment against him. First he has not secured prohibition. That is a consummation devoutly to be wished, indeed. But Mr Foster is not the only man who has failed to secure it. A good many other temperance men have been elected to Parliament, and no one of them has secured prohibition. At one time the Liberals had a good majority in Parliament and were led by so good a man as Alexander Mackenzie, but they did not pass a prohibitory law. If they should again obtain a majority there is no guarantee that we would have any legislation more stringent on the liquor traffic. The Liberal leaders have given no pledges in favor of prohibition. If the whole Liberal party, which, according to some of the Liberal papers, has next thing to a monopoly of all the virtues, temperance included, could not give prohibition, it seems rather hard to blame one man, even a man of Mr Foster's powers, for not securing it. If every man who fails to secure prohibition is to be cast aside a number of Liberal members must be sent into oblivion; indeed it would appear that the whole Liberal party, as it existed some years ago, when in power, must be condemned as unworthy of confidence. This would not please the Berwick News. But the News thinks Mr Foster is "an aider and abettor of the rum interest." But the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick still has confidence enough in Mr Foster to send him, according to statements of Liberal papers, as its representative to the National Division which is now holding its annual meeting in New Jersey. The News will no doubt be much comforted in its sorrow for Mr Foster's slaughtering of temperance interests to learn that the Sons of Temperance have enough confidence in him to put him up as their representative when they have so many able men among them. The trouble with prohibition is that no one man can obtain it. The News seems to have expected Mr Foster to do that herculean task. That is a compliment to Mr Foster; but it shows great ignorance on the part of the News. Prohibition cannot be obtained and enforced until a good majority of the people want it and are determined to have it. If the papers that seek to appear as champions of the temperance cause by attacking strong temperance men like Mr Foster, merely because of the party affiliations of these men, would give their strength more largely to the promotion of temperance sentiment among the people, the time would be hastened when prohibitory days would be in sight.

The second count against Mr Foster, according to the News, is that he is said to be subject to some social ostracism at Ottawa. But the News assures us that this society from which it claims Mr Foster is excluded is "not over particular as to the moral status of those it takes to its arms," is a "hypocritical pale," &c. If the society is so bad as that it will occur to good-minded people that it is no loss to Mr Foster, or to any other man, to be excluded from it. Surely the friends of temperance do not wish their leading advocates to be found in such disreputable society. The News says Mr Foster's conduct, for which it asserts this society has ostracised him, is honorable. If these statements of the News be accepted, this count in the indictment against the Finance Minister tells strongly in his favor.

But the News has a third point against Mr Foster,—he will "never" be Premier. Well, never is a long time. The News has not lived forever and perhaps does not know all that will ever happen. But ought Mr Foster on this account to be retired to private life, as the News desires? A good many men will not be premiers. Ought all the Liberals who will not attain this high office to be excluded from Parliament? The News will not say so. Mr Blake and Sir Richard and Mr Laurier have been in Parliament longer than Mr Foster; but no one of them has been premier. Would the News have them sent back to oblivion. Perhaps Mr Foster never will be the First Minister of Her Majesty in Canada though he stands a good second now. But it is evident enough from the peculiar kind of criticisms he receives from the Liberal press that for some cause he is a man whose influence is regarded with fear by the party, and that it takes a vast amount of the characteristic criticism to lessen that influence.

The Summer School of Science will open at Parrsboro on the 21st inst. This is the fourth session of this useful institution and the prospects are that there will be a large attendance. The opening address will be given by F. H. Eaton at 7.30 p. m. on the 21st. The school will continue in session for two weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr Editor,—That this village of Wolfville and its historical neighborhood is a most salubrious place for two months of summer holidaying will not be disputed by any one who values fresh sweet oxygen and picturesque scenery. But Wolfville might be made a pleasant and more desirable resort.

1. Were the law honestly enforced against the pollution of the river that runs through the beautiful Gaspean valley by unscrupulous saw-dust makers, how wonderfully should the attractions of the entire region be enhanced! How this ruthless destruction of a fair fishing stream has been so long tolerated is to me incomprehensible. Only last week a friend of mine assured me the water was literally black with rotting saw dust. And this is allowed to go on from year to year only because the mill owners are too lazy or greedy to burn their own refuse. Surely lumber cutting must be a public bonanza when it is prosecuted at the cost of such public sacrifice!

2. How much pleasanter might residence in this village be were the people who drive horses to exercise a little more self-restraint—a little more consideration for others. What object can it serve beyond the momentary gratification of the coarsest animal propensity for the vulgar excitement to drive with such impetuosity or even with such fury as to cover pedestrians with clouds of choking dust and seriously to damage the goods in all our stores? A little more caution would raise the drivers' respectability not a little. It is not a little amusing to notice how frequently the same vehicles may be sometimes seen driving with break-neck rapidity from one end of our short Main street to the other, and then back again—where the dust lies thickest. Now, it is a man training a young horse, and now a young lady out for a vigorous airing, and now a double team careering at a pace that indicates "running for the doctor," or very likely it is the doctor himself, driving as if dust in the bronchial tubes were a public blessing or as if two railway accidents had occurred simultaneously—one near the Wil-lows and another at the Tank. Have those drivers seriously decided that this half mile is the very best spot for horse exercise; or are they really pressed by such urgency of business? Or is it within the bounds of possibility they can imagine that people on the side-walks or at the windows can be admiring their horse play? Those energetic people may rest assured that we all would very much prefer a clean, quiet street and clean shop counters to all their misplaced equestrian feats. Why they do not seek some centre of denser population, such as Boston or New York, for these displays of ribbon-holding they like to make is very queer. Such horse-ship in Broadway, for instance, would create quite a sensation and might interest the police and thus bring the ribbon holders into notoriety, if not fame.

3. There are a few (only a few I am happy to say) half-grown lads, whose delight it is, between half past 8 and 10 o'clock in the evening, to loaf and smoke at certain places and to stroll along the streets, hooting, yelling and singing unsavory songs. Have these young rascals any fixed place of residence? If so, might not their parents or guardians oblige the community by restraining their rudeness? Surely no parent can claim the right of letting loose into our peaceful streets hipels to bray and howl before open doors and windows, and in the very front of bedrooms occupied by have been put in operation perhaps our amateur Fire Brigade might practise on such rowdies until they acquire more civil habits. X. Y. Z.

Horse News.

Miss Lou Brown has sold "Cyclone" to Clarence Dinock, Esq., of Windsor, for \$200. "Cyclone" was sired by "Confidential Charley" and was considered by horsemen to be a fast colt.

D. B. Shaw has a very fine "Confidential Charley" mare. She is coal-black, good style, and can show a three mile clip without training.

Mr Kinsman Palmeter, of Long Island, had as fine a two-year-old colt in Wolfville on Tuesday evening as we have ever seen. It weighed 1230 lbs, and is as perfect in form in every respect as could be wished. It was much admired by horsemen.

The races at the Kentville Driving Park, June 30th, proved satisfactory to the friends of the turf in Wolfville. "Fanny Lambert" made her debut. She won the three minute race in three straight heats and made a record for herself of 2:51 on a slow track. Fanny was bought by Dr Bars when three years old for \$300. Since then she has been used for brood purpose. She is the dam of "Perfection," a two-year-old stallion that J. I. Brown has refused \$500 for. She also is the dam of a Rampart colt which Mr C. R. Bill has entered for the Provincial yearling race to come off this fall. Fanny has been handled by H. C. Lydiard at the Kentville Park for the last three weeks and trotted a trial mile on Monday last in 2:45.

THE NATIONAL SONG.—"My Own Canadian Home" has been set to music by Morley McLaughlin of St. John, and chosen by the military to be sung at the great meeting of riflemen on Surrey Common, England, the accompaniment to be played by the band of the London Scottish Regiment. This piece will be played shortly by all military bands of Canada and so become familiar to the ears of all.

SOME NOTED NOVA SCOTIANS.

Sketch of John McPherson, Poet.

In colonies where man has to clear the forests and with the greatest toil till a niggard soil for his bare subsistence he has not the time to cultivate his mind and follow literary pursuits. The pioneer must follow the plow and leave the pursuance of the rainbow to the inhabitants of older and more advanced lands. Hence, generally speaking, we cannot look for much literary talent in the early history of a colony. Some exceptions have occurred, but the conditions were very different from those of Nova Scotia and go to prove that the mind must grow with the nation. Colonial Greece produced Homer but it is quite probable that the Greeks, who formed those colonies took possession of highly civilized lands, and settled in well built cities, hence suffering no real lapse into semi-barbarism and advancing side by side with the mother country. Mexico also in early times produced Mendoza of Spanish dramatists inferior only to De Vega and Calderon, but Mexico was in a state of advanced civilization when settled by the Spaniards.

In the year 1660 was born in Nova Scotia John Crowne, who went early to England and was considered a dramatist great enough to have his dramas brought full in opposition to the mighty genius of Dryden. He is the only exception to the rule just enunciated; I have yet seen, and even his works were all written in England. We may deal with him some future time, but we will now pass to a poet, who, though living at a much later period, is known but little better.

John McPherson was born on the 4th of February, 1817, in Liverpool, county of Queens, Nova Scotia, where he resided till his seventeenth year. His education consisted of a knowledge of the common branches generally taught in rural districts. As a youth he was distinguished for seriousness, avoidance of rough play and fondness of study and retirement. His favourite authors were Thomas Campbell and Kirke White, for whose poems he was fond of reciting passages.

At the age of seventeen he removed to Brookfield, Queen's county, where he dwelt till the year 1841. During his residence here, on two occasions, he showed a remarkable tendency towards those emotions that fill the truly poetical spirit, being affected to tears on hearing recited under circumstances that heightened the effect, those sweetly pathetic lines of Byron:

'Tis sweet to hear the watch dog's honest bark,
Bay deep-mouthed welcome as we draw near home.
'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark
Our coming and look brighter when we come.

And again was moved to tears when, with a friend gazing over a scene by moonlight, his friend recited Coleridge's Genevieve, beginning:

The moonshine stealing o'er the scene
Had blended with the lights of eve.

After growing up McPherson worked as a clerk in Halifax for a time, made a voyage to the West Indies, and in 1841 was married, taking up the employment of school teaching; which after a time he gave up for carpentering, and on July 26th, 1845, he died. During his whole life nearly he was a confirmed invalid, his illness souring his disposition so that he even quarrelled with his wife, she leaving him for a time, his poetry too, often taking the character of the wallings of a sick man, which is a great argument against it ever becoming popular, beyond a certain class of reader. But nevertheless McPherson is a true poet. His love for nature rather the contemplative than the admiring is a genuine love. He sings of nature in its relation to his own feelings rather than with the deep philosophical insight of a Wordsworth or the sublime allegorical vision of a Shelley. As in the poem "Walks in the Woods," he says of the flowers:

They smile upon my human face
With quiet looks of love,
And bless my spirit with the grace
Of sweet thoughts from above.

And how musical is the flow, and how fresh the feeling of the following verses: What a blessing comes with the quick fresh breeze,
That wakes with the summer morn,
To toy with the leaves of the forest trees.

And the poor man's smiling corn,
It hath soft wings for the youthful cheek,
Grown pale o'er the midnight oil,
It has whispered hope for the worn and weak,
And strength for the man of toil.

How the bard has pictured himself here with his youthful cheek "grown pale over the midnight oil," and his form from long sickness "worn and weak." Then how he rejoices at the return of spring (that season so fatal to youthful bands). Joy in the laughing valleys,
Joy in the mountain glen;
Wherever nature rallies
And springs to life again.

McPherson never rises to the sublime, nor is he ever profound. The qualities of his poetry may be summed up in the following: A delicate sensibility to all outward impressions affecting his bodily or mental condition, a pathos when speaking of that condition, and a fine sense of verbal harmony. The two following poems, undoubtedly his finest, are truly beautiful, and express or exemplify his peculiar powers and sympathies:

THE PRIDE OF BEAUTY'S BOWER.
She shone beneath Affection's ray,
The pride of Beauty's bower,
She, like the earliest bloom of May,
Acacia's emblem flower,
Was as too beautiful to stay
Where adverse aspects lower.
She lived a soul of gentlest grace

Exalted and refined;
Less prized for radiant form and face
Than wealth of heart and mind;
And memory keeps her faintest trace
In love's own temple shrine.

Though round her last low dwelling here
Autumnal leaves are strewn,
Still fall upon the dreaming ear
Her voice in dulcet tone;
But, life without her light is drear,
And, oh! the heart is lone!

THE BEAUTIFUL IS FADING.
The beautiful is fading,
The loved and young must die,
The film of death is shading
The soft and lustrous eye.
Much hasten thou to endear thee
In hours of joy or woe,
And now, that death is near thee,
We mourn to let thee go.

Love—true love well requited,
Weeps o'er thy pale sad brow;
And friendship, early blighted,
Dissolves in sorrow now.
But though the fond hearts round thee,
Implore thy longer stay;
The time of flowers hath found thee
In fair and sad decay.

Sweet rose, (we hoped to nourish,
With fond parental care.)
Shall we not let thee flourish
In pure immortal air?
Thou canst not now be given
To all our tears and sighs;
But we rejoice that heaven
Is dawning on thine eyes.

In the ma. of the title of the second he wrote with what pathos "Myself Dying."

McPherson died at the early age of twenty-eight, and had not therefore reached the maturity of his powers. But Nova Scotia boasts of no truer poet than this rustic singer, singing his native wood notes wild. E. B.

Personal Notes.

Mr and Mrs T. H. A. Pitt, of Bermuda, are visiting Wolfville at the latter's old home.

Mr Fred Harris is home spending his vacation in Wolfville. Mr H. has been engaged in the dry goods business at Woodstock for some years.

Rev. Dr Sawyer, president of Acadia College, conducted the services of the New Baptist church last Sunday. The extended reputation of the learned doctor makes it only necessary for us to say that they were characteristic and powerful addresses.—Trove Guardian.

Dr E. N. Payzant, who has been travelling in Hants county for the past few months, returned home on Friday evening last. He reports a great difference in the appearance of vegetation in King's from that of the valley of the Shubenacadie, where he has lately been.

ST. JOHN AND MINAS BASIN ROUTE.

Steamers of this route will sail as follows during the MONTH OF JULY:

Leave: Hantsport for Parrsboro Village, Mondays—7th, 2 40 p m; 14th, 8 00 a m; 21st, 1 15 p m; 28th, 7 30 a m. Parrsboro Village for Hantsport, Tuesdays—1st, 9 20 a m; 8th, 3 50 p m; 15th, 9 15 a m; 22d, 2 10 p m; 29th, 8 00 a m.

Wolfsboro for Parrsboro Pier, Mondays—7th, 4 30 p m; 14th, 9 30 a m; 21st, 3 00 p m; 28th, 8 30 a m. Parrsboro Pier for Wolfville, Tuesdays—1st, 7 30 a m; 8th, 2 15 p m; 15th, 7 30 a m; 22d, 12 45 p m; Monday 28th, 5 40 p m.

Windsor for Parrsboro Pier, calling at Hantsport—Wednesdays 2d, 11 00 a m; Thursdays 3d, 1 00 p m; Wednesdays 9th, 5 10 a m; Thursdays 10th, 6 50 p m; Wednesdays 16th, 10 00 a m; Thursdays 17th, 11 50 a m; Wednesdays 23d, 4 30 a m; Thursdays 24th, 5 30 p m; Wednesdays 30th, 9 50 a m; Thursdays 31st, 11 40 a m.

Parrsboro Pier for Windsor, calling at Hantsport, Thursdays 3d, 9 45 a m; Thursdays 10th, 3 45 p m; Friday 11th, 4 30 a m; Thursdays 17th, 8 00 a m; Thursdays 24th, 1 45 p m; Friday 25th, 3 00 p m; Thursdays 31st, 8 30 a m.

Parrsboro Pier for Hantsport, Friday 4th, 10 15 a m; Friday 18th, 9 15 a m. STEAMER "HIAWATHA" Will leave Hantsport for St. John, calling at Kingsport and Parrsboro, Wednesdays 2d, 10 30 a m; Wednesdays 9th, 5 00 a m; Wednesdays 16th, 9 30 a m; Wednesdays 23d, 4 00 a m; Wednesdays 30th, 9 30 a m. Returning will leave St. John every Thursday evening.

Will call at Spencer's Island going and coming from St. John, weather permitting. Through freight taken from St. John for Parrsboro, Kingsport, Wolfville, Summersville, Hantsport, Arundale and Windsor. Will take freight at St. John for Mail-land on Thursdays 3d, and Thursdays 17th inst.

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BEATS OUR DOCTORS —AND— PIERCE'S INSTITUTION.

LOWER ECONOMY, June 25th, 1890. Mr J. B. Morton, Eridgetown, N. S.: DEAR SIR,—I hereby certify that I was troubled with Chronic Diarrhea for five years, which was brought on by liver and stomach trouble. During that time I had treatment from five doctors and a month's medicine from Pierce's Institution, Buffalo, all of which did me little or no good. Last November I commenced taking Dr Norton's Dock Blood Purifier, at which time I was unable to water, diarrhoea of all my food went to work and had not any meat of any kind and had given up to die. I only used two bottles of the medicine and am now well and strong, and would highly recommend it to all who are affected as I was.

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