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A HUMILIATING POSITION.

Fred. St. John Bliss, instead of shrinking from the publicity given him in the press in connection with the partisan and puerile spleen he displayed in preventing Governor Fraser and Premier Blair from receiving honorary degrees from the University, has written a letter to the Telegraph in which he seeks to justify his course. In Mr. Bliss' opinion, the Attorney General is not worthy of the honor. To use Mr. Bliss' own language "the political career of the Attorney General has not been directed by wise or statesman-like considerations, or with a 'single eye' to the best interests of the province."
Another Daniel come to judgment, surely, in the person of Fred. St. John Bliss. And yet, in the last election, this person went all over the country urging the electors to return to the legislature such eminent patriots as James K. Pinder and Herman Pitts, in preference to the Premier of the province. The time was not very long ago when Mr. Bliss' opinion Mr. Blair was a very highly respectable statesman, a man gifted in law and politics, and whatever influence Mr. Bliss could exert was operated toward putting Mr. Blair into the premiership. That was when Mr. Bliss and his immediate connections were looking for government favors, that was previous to Mr. Bliss' failure to secure the registration of the University; and it was before Mr. Bliss had been compelled to relinquish public office, which he held in the county of Sunbury and in the provincial legislature. Remarkable, was it not, that when there were favors either in prospect or possession, Mr. Blair was a fine gentleman, good enough for anything. But Mr. Bliss was disappointed in his aspirations and his admiration for the Attorney General was turned into scorn and hate. The more he brooded over his own disappointments the more rabid became his hate, till he was sufficiently impregnated with his vicious feelings to introduce political animosity into the Alumni Society.
We do not know that Mr. Blair cares a rush for honorary degrees, we do know that he never sought it. He has attained eminence and respectability without a college degree, while other men in public with half the alphabet tucked after their names have proved dismal failures. He has been the honored premier of New Brunswick for twelve years; he is the head of the bar in this province, an able, skillful lawyer about whose ability there is only one opinion, and we suppose if it suits small souls as Fred. St. John Bliss to postpone the University's intended honor to Mr. Blair for another year; the Attorney General is well able to stand it. But what is Mr. Bliss' position? He has invited the censure of every fair-minded man in both government and opposition circles; he has dragged his petty political hate into a public institution where politics have always been eschewed, and he has cut a whip which sooner or later will rebound on the backs of himself and his sympathizers.

BASE INGRATITUDE.

The reference in the press to the honorary degrees which it was the unanimous desire and intention of the senate of the University to confer upon Lieut. Governor Fraser and the Hon. A. G. Blair, Attorney General, at the late session, has elicited a letter from F. St. Bliss. As a sample of the gall and ignorance of the writer, this letter is without a parallel. In order that its richness may be fully appreciated, it is well that the reading public should know all the facts. The Herald will first relate the circumstances which placed it in the power of Mr. Bliss to veto the unanimous resolution of the University Senate as well as that of the Alumni Society. We will then introduce this Mr. Bliss to the public and show who and what he is.
At its March meeting, the Senate unanimously resolved to confer the honorary degrees of LL.D. upon Lieutenant Governor Fraser and Attorney General Blair. Under an agreement made with the Alumni Society it is necessary to have the concurrence of that body in the conferring of the degrees, and by virtue of a by-law of the society a six months notice is required of the intention to confer any such degree. It is further provided that unless such notice is given the recommendation or concurrence of the society must be unanimous. In the case of the degrees above referred to, the six months notice had not been given to the society or its council, for the reason that there was not time to do so between the meeting of the senate held in March and the Enceania which was held last of May.
This state of affairs thus placed it in the power of any one man to absolutely prevent the carrying out of the unanimous desire of the Senate as well as that of the Society which was a member. All he had to do was to write "nay" on his ballot and the thing was done. As the intention to confer these degrees originated in the Senate, and was unanimous, and as it seemed an eminently and proper recognition of the services of these distinguished public gentlemen which they should be honored by the Provincial University in this way, the wish was repeatedly expressed at the meeting of the Society that there would be no opposition to the conferring of the degrees. It was also intimated that if anyone present felt inclined to prevent the degrees being conferred, it would be only fair and manly, both to the Society and to gentlemen interested, to make that intention known, as every member of the Society seemed to feel that it would be better not to submit the names at the present meeting, than to have to report unfavorably to the Senate in the matter. Indeed, as the wish of the members of the Society [the majority of whom expressed their opinion while the matter was under discussion] to concur in the resolution of the Senate, seemed so strong and unanimous, and as there was no intimation from anyone that there would be opposition, the representatives in the Senate submitted the names to the Society, putting that of the Attorney General first. It was previously intimated and

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Of course everyone will ask who is this man Bliss, and why did he seek to defeat the unanimous wish of the Senate and Alumni Society. For it will be admitted that it must have been a strong prejudice or conviction that could induce any one man to veto the wishes of so many men of years and judgment in such an important matter. Mr. Bliss is a young man who lives in Fredericton. He is a son of the late Geo. J. Bliss, who was for many years Clerk of the House of Assembly. Mr. Bliss, sr., held this office when Judge Fraser was in the government. He also held the office when Mr. Blair was leader of the government, and while enjoying the emoluments thereof. Mr. Bliss, sr., was always a very poor man, and having quite a large family to bring up and educate, often found it very hard to make both ends meet. In the times of his sorest trials, when his family, including Fred, was being educated, he found friends—substantial friends. One of his best friends was John James Fraser. So substantial a form did this friendship take that the attention of the public was called to it, and finally the legislature felt called upon to inquire into the matter. For Mr. Fraser had not hesitated to place himself in a position which invited criticism and inquiry in order to aid his friend. The legislative inquiry showed that Mr. Fraser had for many years been paying substantial sums of money out of his own pocket to help Mr. Bliss maintain and educate his family, including his son, Fred St. John. Mr. Fraser went to the bench and shortly Mr. Blair became Attorney General and Premier. Mr. Bliss continued to be Clerk of the House of Assembly until the time of his death. At that time both Mr. Bliss and his son, Fred St. John, were in the ranks of the supporters of Mr. Blair. Mr. Blair made an appointment to office left vacant by Mr. Bliss, which had in view the future support of Mr. Bliss, who was represented to be in somewhat unfortunate circumstances. Soon after this Fred Bliss became a violent opponent of Mr. Blair. It is true that his opposition did not assume a very serious or intelligent aspect, but such as it was, it knew no restraint, and it was increasing in intensity ever since.
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DENIED A STATUE.

Some of the Irish members in the Imperial Parliament the other day had a go at Oliver Cromwell, who several years ago had something to say in the government of Great Britain, and indeed, was in his day, a very prominent and powerful man. The government proposed a vote for the erection of a statue to Cromwell within the precincts of parliament, and this is what aroused the ire of the Irish M.Ps. Mr. Redmond "protested against the glorification of the memory of a man whom ten-tenths of the people of Ireland regarded as a murderer." Mr. Nolan declared that Cromwell "had played the part of a treacherous brute." But the man who so summarily prorogued the Long Parliament found a defender in Sir Wm. Harcourt, who suggested that "the House ought to be governed by the fact that the record of famous men in English history must not be determined by individual sympathies, and they must also remember the place that statesmen occupied in the life of the nation, and look upon the matter in a broad spirit. The Commonwealth, he said, was a great epoch, and Cromwell was a great ruler with a great policy at home and abroad." The vote for the statue passed 152 to 137, but at a subsequent session, Justin McCarthy warmly protested against the government offering an insult to Ireland by proceeding to erect the monument. He moved a reduction of the vote by £5,000. The motion was carried by a vote of 229 yeas to 38 nays, and John Morley, secretary for Ireland, thereupon withdrew the proposal for the monument.

The funeral expenses of the late Sir John Thompson amounted to \$33,000, and the government had a grant of \$25,000 passed through parliament towards paying the bills. Cartier's funeral cost \$10,000 and Sir John A. Macdonald's a little over \$6,000, both Mr. Foster in charge of the finances it is different. The opposition naturally objected to this enormous expenditure, and during the discussion Mr. Foster admitted that the services in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Ottawa cost \$80,000 more than the expenses. We direct the attention of Brother Pitts to Mr. Foster's admission on this point.

Mr. Flint, M. P. for Yarmouth, moved his prohibition resolution in the House of Commons, Monday, but as usual, there was no opposition to the conferring of the degrees. It was also intimated that if anyone present felt inclined to prevent the degrees being conferred, it would be only fair and manly, both to the Society and to gentlemen interested, to make that intention known, as every member of the Society seemed to feel that it would be better not to submit the names at the present meeting, than to have to report unfavorably to the Senate in the matter. Indeed, as the wish of the members of the Society [the majority of whom expressed their opinion while the matter was under discussion] to concur in the resolution of the Senate, seemed so strong and unanimous, and as there was no intimation from anyone that there would be opposition, the representatives in the Senate submitted the names to the Society, putting that of the Attorney General first. It was previously intimated and

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THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

What is to be done with the Manitoba school question is one more the question uppermost in the minds of the legislators at Ottawa. Manitoba has given her answer, which is a firm yet courteous refusal to obey the remedial order promulgated by the Dominion government. The matter was brought up in the Manitoba legislature Monday in the form of a motion by Premier Greenway which outlines the stand the government of that province has taken on the question. This motion or memorial, after reciting the remedial order and its alleged probable effect on the province and its legislation, says:

"The privileges which by said order we are commanded to restore to our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens are substantially the same privileges which they enjoyed previous to the year 1890. Compliance with the terms of the order would restore Catholic separate schools with no more satisfactory guarantees for their efficiency than existed prior to said date. The educational policy embodied in our present statutes was adopted after an examination of the results of the policy theretofore followed, under which separate Roman Catholic schools now sought to be restored had existed for a period of upwards of 18 years; said schools were found to be efficient as conducted under the Roman Catholic section of the Board of Education; they did not possess the attributes of efficient modern public schools. We are therefore compelled to respectfully state to your Excellency in Council that we cannot accept the responsibility of carrying into effect the terms of the remedial order."

The memorial also expresses the opinion that when the remedial order was made there was not then available to the Dominion government full and accurate information as to the workings of Manitoba's former system of schools, and also that there was lacking means of forming a correct judgment as to the effect upon the province of the changes indicated in the order. The suggestion is also made that it is not yet too late to make a full and deliberate investigation of the whole subject. Should such a course be adopted the Manitoba government promises to assist in affording the most complete information available.

The Manitoba government also takes the ground that any subsequent legislation by the Dominion government to carry out the provisions of the remedial order would be ultra vires, and that as to the legislative grant, they hold that it is within the control of the legislature of Manitoba, and that no part of the public funds of the province could be made available for the support of separate schools without the voluntary action of the legislature.

"It would appear, therefore," says the memorial in conclusion, "that any action of the parliament of the Dominion government to restore Roman Catholic privileges must, to be of real and substantial benefit, be supplemented by the voluntary action of the provincial legislature."
The memorial as we have said, is a courteous refusal to carry out the terms of the remedial order, and again brings the question within the arena of the federal parliament. What the Dominion government will do under the circumstances it is impossible to tell. No doubt the French representatives both in the cabinet and parliament are anxious that the Dominion should take the grip with Manitoba and enforce if possible obedience to the remedial order. On the other hand the government will meet with a strong protest from their Ontario supporters if any action is taken looking to the restoration of separate schools in Manitoba. The government are between two fires, but it is probable the question will be stood aside, referred to a royal commission, or something like that, at least until after the elections are over. It is a troublesome question, and one that had better be settled outside the political arena. There are enough race and religious prejudices now in Canada without the supply that would be the certain crop of an election fought out on the Manitoba school question.

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A rumor is current that the Dominion general election is likely to be held in September.

Mrs. Lucy King, an American woman, threw her new-born infant from an excursion train at Rouse's Point, Quebec. The child was not injured, and is at present the property of the state, the sheriff having seized him as "treasure trove."

Lightning struck the Mackenzie tower of the West Department buildings, Ottawa, Thursday morning, wrecking several rooms and knocking F. Breton, chief clerk of works, senseless. A messenger who was sitting at his desk in the room, was thrown to the floor by the shock.

Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney General of Nova Scotia, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute. The annual conversation of the Institute takes place at the Natural History Museum, London on the 27th, and Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Longley will be in England at that date.

A terrible tragedy was enacted near St. Francois, Kansas, Saturday. Franklin Williams shot his wife, and Miss Alice Smith, and William Smith. He then beat the brains out of his two children, a little girl, aged about five and a boy about nine years, and blew his own brains out.

A SHARP DISCUSSION.

On the Cost of the Prohibition Commission.

Dr. McLeod drew \$6,918, and wants pay for Sundays Spent away from Home.

In the House of Commons Friday, the first item in supply was that of \$8,000 for the Prohibition Commission. The first question asked, elicited from Mr. Foster the information that the sums already paid to the commissioners are: Sir Joseph H. Thompson, chairman, \$2,100; Mr. E. F. Clarke, \$2,488; Mr. Gignac, \$2,733; Rev. Dr. McLeod, \$9,918; Judge McDonald, \$3,918; P. Monaghan, secretary, \$10,068.

The whole business looked like a job, said Sir Richard Cartwright, by way of opening. The whole expenditure had been incurred to postpone the necessity of the government making up its mind upon a troublesome question. He doubted whether any money had been more recklessly expended since confederation. He asked how it was that one of the commissioners, Dr. McLeod, should have been paid so much more than the others, twice as much in fact.

Mr. Foster replied that the only reason was that that commissioner had done twice as much work. The payment had been according to a fixed rate of \$10 a day, and so much for expenses, and Dr. McLeod had put in more days upon the commission than any other member.

Mr. Flint made a sweeping condemnation of the appointment of the commission. The expenditure upon it had been, in his opinion, completely wasted.

Mr. Davies rallied the government, and particularly the Finance Minister, upon being afraid to take any position on the prohibition, or express any opinion. The Liberal party had a plain policy. It believed that a vote of the people should be taken, and that public sentiment should rule. The Minister of Finance had once had an opinion and stated it, but that he afterwards explained, was in a moment of weakness. The government's policy is to let the fire burn over the country and get the opinion of five or six hundred people, but they would not spend that amount to get the opinion of the whole people of Canada. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Fraser asked the Finance Minister and Minister of Justice whether they had read the evidence. Both replied with smiles in the negative. The member for Guysboro' proposed that another commission be appointed to make a digest. If, as Mr. Foster said, Dr. McLeod had heard twice as much evidence as the other commissioners, perhaps that was the reason his report had differed from the other members of the commission. The anti-prohibitionists were evidently unenlightened.

Dr. Landerkin said they had had many commissions. The Curran bridge commission, the St. John railway commission, and the prohibition commission. When would these commissions cease? When would this country have responsible government? Who would it have a government with backbone enough to express and hold an opinion upon some public questions?

Sir Richard Cartwright demanded an explanation of the discrepancy between the estimate of the late Premier, \$120,000, and the Finance Minister, \$90,000. The former was most likely correct.

Mr. Foster—This closes the account for the present. The House is not asked to vote further money.

Sir Richard—That is no answer. For all we know, there may be some more amounts of \$8,000 to other consins. I believe this Dr. McLeod has put in a further claim. Is that so?

Mr. Foster, who had been getting warmer and more irritable as the debate went on, said: "I have no note here of any further claims." This statement was met with derisive laughter. After a few minutes, he added: "I find a further claim on the basis of payment for 48 Sundays while absent from home, at \$10 each."

The income of the Presbyterian church in Canada last year was \$2,129,987. Parliament has voted a \$25,000 gratuity to Lady Thompson, wife of the late Premier.

Miss Cassie Steadman, niece of Judge Steadman, of Fredericton, died at Shediac last week.

President Cleveland is expecting an addition to his family in July. He has two girls already.

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By order of the Board, A. D. MACPHERSON, Secretary, Fredericton, May 28, 1895.

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