

THE NOVA SCOTIA DIFFICULTY.

The visit of our Cabinet Ministers to Halifax does not appear to have been productive of much good, and so far nothing in the way of reconciliation has been effected. A government paper says: "We have nothing to offer Canada but scorn and detestation. We will not be Confederated. We will have Repeal." A convention of the Antis is now in session, as well as the Local Government. It is evident from the protracted sittings of the Convention that the questions under discussion are very grave, and many Unionists are confident that some members of the caucus would accept the situation if they dared. The tone of the Antis, especially of local members from rural districts, continues very violent, and the wildest measures are freely threatened.

After the adjournment of the Convention the repeal committee organized by choosing Hon. Joseph Howe chairman, and resumed business in the new province building, over which the Nova Scotia flag floated in honor of the occasion. It is believed in Ministerial circles that if only the Dominion members were to deal with conciliation could be had; but no one has much hope of conciliating the local members.

Mr. Howe's Letter.

From the Toronto Daily Telegraph we clip the full text of Mr. Howe's letter which has made so much talk in Nova Scotia and throughout the Dominion. Whatever we may think of Joe's recent course in regard to the Union, all must admit that there is about his last letter a manly ring which does the great Nova Scotian infinite credit.

FAIRFIELD, NEAR HALIFAX, 30th July, 1868.

To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle, Halifax.

SIR,—The papers inform us that Sir John A. Macdonald and his lady and perhaps Mr. Cartier are coming down to Nova Scotia on a visit, and the editor of an evening paper speaks for them, should they come, discourteous treatment, if not rougher handling. I regret to see this spirit manifested in any quarter. Where actual war rages, flags of truce are respected, and the soldiers in the field exchange courtesies across their lines, which lend the grace of civility to the sternest conflicts. Roderick Dhu shared his plaid and his heather couch with Fitz-James, though ready and anxious to cross swords with him in the morning. We have taught the public men of Canada and England within the last two years that the people of Nova Scotia are men, and not cravens. Let us show them now that we are gentlemen and not ruffians. One rude word, one act of discourtesy, would disgrace us all, and bring such discredit on our cause as to make it hopeless hereafter. Nineteen Nova Scotians traversed the Canada last fall, and sojourned for forty days in the capital of the Dominion. Though the great majority of them were known to be hostile to the fundamental law under which the Legislature was convened, and not very friendly to the Government, though I and others denounced the act and the policy of the majority, on all suitable occasions, yet from the time we entered Canada till we came out of it, we received from all classes of the people hospitality and courteous treatment. I passed through the crowded corridors of the House of Commons with my hot words ringing in the ears of the people I met, but they never offered me insult, and at three o'clock in the morning I often went to my lodgings alone, as little apprehensive of obstruction or offence as I would have been in the streets of Halifax. Let us hear no more, then, of different treatment of Canadians, high or low, in any part of the province. If we have lost our constitution let us preserve our manners. The Secretary of State and the Imperial Parliament have thrown upon the Canada the responsibility of action in the great controversy which, at the present moment, perplexes us all. It would appear that its leaders have promptly responded, and will come here to discuss with the Nova Scotians such remedial measures as they may have to propose. We are bound to give them a fair hearing and courteous treatment. Is our case so bad that we are afraid to discuss it on our own soil with the leading men of Canada? Are we so strong that we can afford to outrage the public sentiment of the whole world by reckless disregard of all the usages of civilized diplomacy? I think not, and hasten to say that I should deeply regret if any indiscretion were to sully a course which has hitherto been conducted with dignity and temper, which has challenged the respect even of those to whom we have stood opposed. I am quite sure that on reflection the writer to whose article I refer, and whose views it is possible I may have misapprehended, will concur in the opinions which I consider it a public duty thus frankly to express. Yours truly, JOSEPH HOWE.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION THROWN AWAY.—The famous French musket, Chassepot, is found to be defective when compared with the newly invented Wilson rifle. It is said that the French Government has decided to give up the first weapon and to replace it with the latter, a change which will involve an expenditure of 180 millions of francs. We think if the one-hundredth part of these sums, yearly squandered under the pretext of eternally preparing for peace, were spent upon public schools and the improvement of agriculture, the people of France would sooner acquire the rank she is ambitious of occupying in Europe.

A FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY MANIFESTO.—The Paris PAYS publishes a paper purporting to be the production of the "Central Committee of Action of the Revolutionary Commune of Paris," addressed to their "citizen brothers" in words of strong condemnation of Napoleon's rule, political, financial and military, and ending with the cry, "Down with the Emperor!" The document has been extensively circulated in London. By mail we have Paris journals which deny its authenticity in the most positive terms, and pronounce it a sheer fabrication. The facts, to real or fabricated, has, however, been made known very widely, and its issue reads to us as if somewhat in the spirit of the rioter who cried to the crowd, "Don't nail man's ears to the pump," being well assured that they would resort to that means of torture as soon as it was made known to them. It is dangerous to play with French revolution, particularly in the "dog days."

Convention at Portland.

The International Commercial Convention assembled at Portland on Tuesday last. Over two hundred delegates, chiefly from the New England States, were in attendance. Canada was but meagrely represented. The chief topic discussed after the opening of the convention was all communication with the West. A special despatch to the Daily Telegraph says many speeches and arguments were made in favor of a new line connecting Portland with the far west—by the shortest possible route. The feeling appeared to be that a new line should be made to the Suspension Bridge, entirely through the United States. Such a route would prove very injurious to the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railway and to the Grand Trunk. The feeling of the meeting towards Canada was highly pleasing and satisfactory. Kind and encouraging sentiments were expressed as to mutual good will, and a general reciprocity in trade, which is intended to include manufacturers. There is a very general and strong reference made to the subject of annexation. Mr. Derby, of Boston, said, "Canada has got to take us or we them before many years." The following are the officers of the convention: Mr. Merrill, Gov. of Iowa, President; Messrs. E. H. Derby, Boston, Stephen Tobin, Mayor of Halifax, W. Workman, Mayor of Montreal, A. D. Macdonald, Charlottetown, Hon. A. Fisher, Fredericton, Thomas Gibbs, Oshawa, J. W. Taylor, St. Pauls (Minn.), H. J. Blow, St. Louis, and J. H. Arnold, Chicago, Vice Presidents. The representatives from the British Provinces held a caucus and agreed not to vote upon the resolutions, as they chiefly referred to projects foreign to their Dominion, upon which they considered it unjust to vote.

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ALL in want of  
BOOTS & SHOES,  
That are worth calling such, can get them  
At Brown's Custom Boot & Shoe  
STORE, GUELPH.  
As all goods are made under his personal superintendance, and the material used the best that can be had in the market. With his lengthened experience in the business, together with his wonderful success in pleasing his customers, warrants him in saying without fear of contradiction that his goods are the  
Neatest, Most Durable and Cheapest  
That can be had in this or any other Town west of Montreal.  
THOMAS BROWN,  
No 2, Day's Block, Wyndham-Str.  
Guelph, July 27. daw-tf

CASH, CASH.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE!  
FROM and after the FIRST of AUGUST I intend to do a strictly Cash business, and will positively open no more accounts with any one. I also propose to offer at all times the best stock of Boots and Shoes to be found in Ontario at the Lowest Cash Price.  
All parties indebted either by note or book-accounts are requested to pay up before the 31st instant, and save costs.  
JOHN McNEIL,  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.  
Guelph, 17th July. dw

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R. W. LAIRD,  
Looking Glass and Picture Frame  
MANUFACTURER,  
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The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.  
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