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MR. MITCHELL AND THE SHIP RY.

The St. John Globe reproduces with some gloe the report of a N. Y. Herald interview with Mr. Peter Mitchell, in which he for the hundredth time denounced the Chignecto Ship Railway and said the trade would not be worth a pocket knife.

The only importance that can attach to Mr. Mitchell's utterances results from the fact that some twenty years ago he held the honorable position of Minister of Marine in a Conservative Administration; since then he has been sort of a political street walker, casting blame and first on Mr. MacKenzie, then on Sir John, both in vain, neither had use for his services, neither would restate him in office, and becoming in the process of time sour and disgruntled as well as *passé*, he shows himself disposed to strike, if he cannot cause to ruin if he is not let alone.

Let us judge of the undertaking on Mr. Mitchell's evidence alone. Twenty years ago, he was head of the Department of Marine, a position that gave him facilities for judging of the value of the prospective trade across the isthmus, and where he saw that the Crown had been deceived and would have weight and responsibility. What was then his record?

PROTECTION VS. BRIDGES.

While the *Trinscript*, *Telegraph* and *Globe* are filling their editorial columns with long articles exhibiting to the people the horrors of protection and the National Policy and the excruciating pain to them and deplaining against the folly of those who are leaving the bankrupt manufacturing and overstocked labor markets of the United States to dwell again in the shadow of that peaceful protection and under the fostering influence of that Policy, it might be well to glance for a moment at the part which our this country.

An article in the Canadian Gazette on the Cattle Embargo would go to show that Canadian cattle, if not unfairly discriminated against, have at least been treated with an undue amount of caution and condemnation on grounds wholly inadequate. While not denying the right of the British government to protect British stock raisers from colonial competition, it is pointed out that the same reason should not be assigned to that one of the largest Anglo-American industries should not be sacrificed on insufficient evidence. The three veterinary surgeons of the department declare that the case in question is one of contagious pleuro pneumonia. Exposed equally experienced and equally eminent declared the statement directly. The Dominion veterinary inspector has explained that with the exception of one isolated case which was imported from England to Quebec years ago and carefully quarantined and stamped out, no outbreak of the disease has ever been known in Canada. Since the first suspicion was aroused by the susceptible officials of the department 300,000 Canadian animals have been imported into England and if they were unfairly discriminated against, the United Kingdom must long be a place where the disease has become honeycombed with disease. The Canadian government has invited Mr. Gardner to send to Canada experts free from all predilections to see whether Canada has any cases of the disease, a clean bill of health and unless the invitation is accepted and the matter fully investigated the statement of Mr. Thomas Swan at the Glasgow meeting that it was a question not of pleuro but of policies will seem to have some foundation.

The St. John Globe quoting our remarks respecting Mr. C. W. Weldon, Q. C., and the Judges, intimates there was no financial connection between Mr. Weldon and Lord Macdougall. The checking the blinding influence of this exodus. It is not necessary to go far for examples. We find them at our very door. We are informed on good authority that the bridges and roads at Second Westcock Hill are barely passable, that they have been in that condition for some time and that the only steps taken by the Blair government to remove the difficulty have been to send Mr. Killam and other gentlemen in connection with the local board of works to inspect the bridges. The farmers are quite naturally becoming dissatisfied and justifiably indignant with the Blair administration and those provincial organs which support it blindly and laud all its measures without discrimination. Another instance in one way more serious than the principle is exactly the same is that of the Tantramar covered bridge. Situated as it is on the main road between Amherst and Sackville a large amount of general traffic passes over it. It is also just on the border of the famous Tantramar marshes, large sections of which are owned in Sackville and it is the only convenient means by

THE WELLS FAMILY.

The late S. F. Wells of Point du Beu was a grandson of William Wells one of the Yorkshire settlers and in more than one respect a notable man in his day. There came in the same vessel with him, two Dobson families and one Faulkner family. They settled on four adjoining farms at Point du Beu that had been cleared and tilled by French settlers, who had fled at the time of the French dispersion. The late Mr. S. F. Wells occupied the homestead of his grandfather, which is now the home of his son, Charles. William Wells had married Margaret Dobson in England and they came to this country—a sort of land of promise, hoping to escape the difficulties and troubles that were envying the land of their birth. He was an ardent Methodist and was also his wife. They brought with them to this country all the passionate enthusiasm that that movement had created in England. Mr. Wells was a bricklayer by trade; had built a Methodist Chapel at Thirk, in which Wesley preached in 1766 and afterwards wrote a sharp criticism in his journal upon the builder's efforts, but Mr. Wells appears not to have thought so well of the great theologian's architectural taste as he did of his religion. Margaret Dobson was a native of Sowerby, near Thirk, and Wesley and John Nelson in their visits sometimes made their home at the house of her family. She had heard them both preach at Thirk Cross, where they were pelted with rotten eggs and stones. When William Wells and his wife left for Nova Scotia, John Wesley had knelt in prayer with them and with a hand on the head of both, had commended them to Divine protection.

Under such teachings and influences William Wells became deeply conscious of the great concerns of eternity, and the desire to save souls became a part of his life. He was class leader, local preacher, and even performed the last rites that one can do for another. One of his prayers has become of historic value. William Black, Junr., the future leader of Methodism in the Maritimes, then a young man, was battling about in a sea of religious doubt and fear, attended a religious meeting held at Fort Lawrence, at which William Wells preached and to that prayer Bishop Black afterwards ascribed his spiritual deliverance and the conversion of his life. The late Mr. S. F. Wells was a useful man to the community. He was a farmer, and was the only trader in his day between the Fort and Cape Tormentine. He continued his trade as bricklayer, and a number of old brick churches were constructed by him in this country and he had much to do with the erection of the old stone chapel at P. du Beu. His children were as follows:

1. George.
2. William.
3. Joseph.
4. Mrs. Wm. Campbell.
5. Mrs. Samuel Frenze, Sussex.
6. Mrs. James Allen, Cape Tormentine.

The oldest son George married Elizabeth Freeman, and their family was:

1. George.
2. William.
3. Samuel F.
4. Lewis.
5. James.
6. Joseph.
7. Mrs. Joseph Avar.
8. Mrs. John Snowball.
9. Mrs. Wm. Trenholm.
10. Mrs. Stephen Tremholm.
11. Mrs. Cyrus Outton.

Of these the late Mr. S. F. Wells was the last survivor. William Wells, Jr. was the great grandfather of W. W. Wells, M. P., whose father is Charles C. Wells, and grandfather was Benjamin Wells. The late Mr. S. F. Wells was a man of most kindly and amiable disposition, and his life and character were in all respects exceptional. After a well spent life, he has passed to his reward. He was married twice, first to Charlotte, daughter of Squire Chapman of Coveville, who had represented that county in the Assembly, and the second time to Mary, daughter of the late Squire Philip Chapman. His children were:

- (1) The late Mrs. Capt. Geo. Wright, mother of Mrs. H. de Forest of St. John.
- (2) Charles H.
- (3) Mrs. Alex. Ford of Sackville.
- (4) Capt. Ed. W. Wells, (of Lizzie Wright), and
- (5) Capt. R. O. Wells, a steamship commander.

Personal and Political

It is said Lord Dufferin is to receive the Order of the Garter in recognition of his success in the Siamese negotiations.

Sarah T. Bolton, who wrote, "Paddle Your Own Canoe" and other poems, died in Indianapolis on Friday, at a ripe old age.

Prof. Duff of the University of New Brunswick, has resigned in order to accept a chair in Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Governor Russell of Massachusetts is fishing on the South West Miramichi.

Prof. Bell, of Baddeck, is conducting experiments in trying to complete the solution of aerial navigation.

Sir John Abbott has not derived the benefit that was anticipated from his return to Canada.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster will address a public meeting in the City Hall at Fredericton on Tuesday evening Aug. 15, on the tariff investigation.

Sir John Thompson lately entertained Canadian students and artists now in Paris at a banquet. Forty guests were present and speeches were made by Sir John Thompson, Mr. Chapleau, Mr. Fabre, Mr. Philippe Hebert, Mr. Gill and others. During the evening the students sang Canadian songs.

The North Sydney Herald states that since the new syndicate obtained control in that place has risen 30 cents on the dollar and expresses much dissatisfaction with the big company and the local government. Like dissatisfaction extends through Nova Scotia. Frank Sabourin, a noted fish and deer dealer, was captured at Port Lorne, near Bridgetown N. S. Sunday July 30th.

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The I. O. G. F. lodge is preparing for a concert to be given in the next hall about 15 inst. The Salisbury band is now practicing and a local talent give promise of a great success.

Rev. Mr. Phillips the blind preacher who has been paying Albert Co. a visit occupied the pulpit of the first Baptist Church here on Sunday evening, Aug. 6, the pastor Rev. W. Camp being absent on a short vacation. The sermon was highly appreciated.

The Beauty House, which A. McKinnon was forced to leave some time ago by Scott Act prosecutions has been let to James Ward a former proprietor on the understanding that it is to be run in accordance with strictly temperance principles. The temperance people will render all the assistance in their power and there is every reason to suppose that Mr. Ward will run a first-class hotel.

Anderson.

The weather the past week was very favorable for haying. About one half the crop is not up to the average and the rest is only fair.

Brooks mill has arrived at last, and will probably pay well.

One of our townfolk who started for St. John last week to try the high journey occupied two days.

Potato bugs were very thick but not so numerous as last year. All grain looks well and promises to be above the average.

G. W. Crossman's son who was seriously ill with an abscess is able to be about again.

SCIENCE ITEM.

George Beals, of Midgie, N. B., was in town recently, and informs us that he is about to start one of the most remarkable projects that we have ever heard of in this country, viz., a skunk farm. Mr. Beals has been for a number of years a hunter and fur collector. The year the pelts of those most disagreeable rodents brought a good price in the English market, and he decided that he would attempt to raise a few acres of his pasture land, surrounding it with a deep ditch to prevent burrowing out, and then stocking the enclosure with these odiferous animals, he would in a short time have a profitable industry established. — True News.

What is this perfume strange that seems to linger in the air? A beautiful fragrance pervades the atmosphere. The lovely fields of Midgie seem to lose their former charm.

For Mr. Beals of Midgie has a polecat farm!

But Mr. Beals is getting rich by "living" on his polecat farm. Not only does he furnish furs—but each skunk brings a bounty. And his neighbors are all getting rich on polecat farms.

Succes Beals of Midgie and his polecat farm! X.

Local.

BORINGS on the Straits for the Tunnel are now being started.

Proctor's auction sale of real estate and personal property of John W. McCulloch has been postponed.

Grass Sale.—George Campbell will sell the grass on his Palmer lot near Cole's Island on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 2 p. m.

Grass Sale Off.—The grass sale advertised by Walter Cahill for Saturday, Aug. 12, will not take place as the grass has already been sold.

HORSES.—Mr. D. N. Murray, Moncton, left here Saturday morning for home. He took with him five nice driving horses, which were purchased for him by Mr. P. R. Baker of this town. — Summerside Journal.

"HOLY NAME."—The new Anglican church called the "Holy Name," was inaugurated on Monday, at the Joggins Mines, by the formal laying of the corner stone. The ministers participating were Rev. Messrs. Harris, Gibbons, White, and De Mile. The Rev. Messrs. Robinson, (Methodist) and Parker, (Baptist), were also present. There was a large attendance, embracing all denominations. In addition to the clergy, Mrs. B. B. Barnhill, Mrs. Geo. Hibbard and Mrs. Godfrey Wilder took part in the ceremony. A collection resulted in the sum of \$200. The land was donated by C. W. Howson, Esq. M. D.

River Hebert.

The mass that got his head out with an axe thrown by McCoy is doing well; it was thought by some that if he got well he would not have his right mind, but it seems probable now that he will be fully restored.

A fine rain Saturday night and Sunday forenoon made quite a freshet, in the river, and washed out some of the mud that has been gathering during the dry weather.

The Schrs' Annie Gale and Lillock are leading Lumber and Laths, by Kelley Bros. for Boston. J. H. Seaman is leading St. Henry Cottons, Master with Piling for N. Y. and St. Lizzie Dyer with Ladder Scaffolding for Boston.

Prescott Gillespie & Co. are leading Lumber, Canvas, Kelly, with Piling for New York.

The Canada Coal & Ry Co. are leading St. Andrews, St. John and other Ports, as was also his wife.

The 26th annual convention of the Y. C. A. is at the Maritime Provinces open at Charlottetown to-day and lasts till Monday.

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