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## JEKYLL OR HYDE.

The Tory machine, which a few years ago manipulated the ballot boxes in Kings county has taken a new guise and is posing today as the apostle of political purity. Its professions of hatred of bribery at elections and its smug satisfaction at its own political holiness are, however, but a thin veneer to cover its true purpose. Last fall on the retirement of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson from the premiership of New Brunswick and the assumption of leadership by the Hon. L. J. Tweed, a local by-election was necessary in the county of Kings, owing to the death of attorney general. At that time Dr. Dugley's opponent was a gentleman by the name of Sproule. The Tory machine was quite open in its avowed indifference as to the success of either of the candidates, and refused to accept him as the candidate of the Conservative party. Whether this hesitation was due to financial or moral considerations, we are not aware. Today, however, we find the same Tory machine with its St. John morning organ taking up the cause of another Mr. Sproule as the opposition candidate in the coming by-election in Kings. Surely those two gentlemen by the name of Sproule cannot be one and the same person? It is true that they have the same christian name and that their surname is identical, but we can hardly believe that the party of political purity can today be endorsing a candidate that it did not consider fit for its endorsement a few months ago.

## DUPLICITY OR IGNORANCE.

There seems to be a wrong impression in the public mind as to the arbitration proceedings which are at present being held on the property belonging to Mr. Joseph A. Likely, expropriated by the Dominion government. These proceedings do not refer in any way to the Likely property taken by the government in the year 1899 for general railway purposes in connection with the extension of the I. C. R. to its Long Wharf property. In that case arbitrators were appointed who decided upon a price which seemed to them a fair valuation of the property. Mr. Likely refused to accept the valuation, and brought suit in the Exchequer Court. That suit is still pending and will probably come up for trial in March next.

The present arbitration proceedings refer to another piece of property owned by Mr. Likely, which was expropriated last October by the government in connection with the cold storage project, and is now being utilized for the purpose of laying a siding into the site of the Cold Storage Company's warehouse. As was necessary the government appointed arbitrators to decide the value to be paid Mr. Likely on this additional property, which had been expropriated. The arbitrators in the present case are Mr. D. J. McLachlan and Mr. Arthur W. Adams, while the arbitrators in the case which has gone to the Exchequer Court were Messrs. F. J. G. Knowlton, J. MacGregor Grant and M. B. Edwards.

In fairness to Mr. Likely, the arbitrators and the government, it is well that the facts should be clearly understood, as the matter has been entirely misrepresented, either from ignorance or duplicity, by one of the city newspapers.

## BARBARITIES IN CHINA.

Within the past year the continental press, and more particularly the German, has been very severe in its criticism of the so-called cruelty of the British in South Africa in dealing with the Boers and in their burning of buildings employed by the enemy as a means of protection for the attacking of patrols, etc.

The greater portion of the cruelty and looting, which was reported in these papers as supplied from the Boer headquarters at Brussels, was pure fiction, but that did not deter many of them from their strong anti-British crusade. During the Chinese episode, if we are to believe the newspapers of all nationalities, the German and Russian troops have been guilty of the most atrocious barbarities. They have not hesitated to butcher, in cold blood, harmless women and children in China and decimate whole villages and towns with fire and sword.

Looting has been an hourly occurrence, and these troops have joined in a practical illustration of the theoretical saying "to the victors belong the spoils."

According to a recent issue of a German paper, "Swabian Mercury," the motto of the allied troops is "take all you can" and even the passengers landing from Europe fall into the category of the "spoils of China," and are considered legitimate game for spoliation. The Paris "Matin" even charges the American soldiers with having been guilty of vandalism and sacrilege in digging up coffins and rifling them of their valuable contents.

The Cosmicks who were guarding the Russo-Chinese Bank actually forced open the safes and appropriated the money. Russian officers are known to have valuable collections of precious art objects obtained from these looting expeditions, and openly boast and exhibit their collection of the spoils. It would almost appear as if the object which was foremost in the minds of many of the allied troops in their occupation of China was cruelty and looting. Kaiser William has forbidden soldiers writing home giving details of the outrages, but nevertheless the facts are coming to light every day of the true position of affairs in China. All these circumstances are to be regretted as it will impart to the Chinese a very wrong impression of modern civilization and must have a very injurious effect on the progressive development of China by the Europeans.

## SYDNEY AND ST. JOHN.

We desire to call attention to a letter published in this issue pointing out the danger which threatens the St. John jobbing houses that their trade with the growing town of Sydney and North Sydney, Cape Breton, may be diverted to Halifax owing to the lack of proper shipping facilities between St. John and Sydney. It appears that a direct steamship service now exists between Halifax and Sydney which enables the shipper in the former town to place his goods more promptly and economically than could possibly be done at present by his St. John competitor. As against this direct steamship service, the long railway haul from St. John to Sydney would be a prohibitive factor in the matter of prices. It is absolutely necessary if St. John is to keep and extend its very substantial trade with this rapidly growing district, that similar transportation advantages should exist between St. John and Sydney. We understand that there has been some little agitation among the merchants to the end that a direct steamship service should be established here, and we think that a movement deserves the very heartiest support and practical financial assistance of every business house in the city. There will be no use closing the door when the time has passed to save the valuable enterprise. The time to take action in this steamship project between St. John and Sydney is while there is a chance not only to save the trade we have, but to largely extend it with that growing manufacturing centre.

## AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

As intimated in our columns yesterday there is every probability of Halifax obtaining the steel shipbuilding plant.

It is a great pity if through the inactivity of our council and citizens this city should lose this large industry. The committees of the Board of Trade and city council of Halifax have met promptly, and each have formulated a proposal. The former suggested two dollars per ton each steamer for a period of five years, while the latter proposed a subsidy of \$6,000 a year for the shipbuilding and an additional sum of \$4,000 a year if engineering works were also established in connection with the plant. The subsidies to extend for a period of twenty years. It is quite probable that some compromise between these two proposals will be submitted to the company, and possibly result in the establishment of steel shipbuilding in Halifax.

It had been hoped that some local inducement would have been held out by our city to obtain this large industry, but for some reason or other the people of St. John up to the present time have shown little inclination to encourage the company to establish the works here.

## A STRONG BANK.

The annual statement of the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year ending December 31, 1900, shows a very flourishing condition of the bank's finances. The net profits for last year, after providing for losses by bad debts, amount to the respectable sum of \$315,228.15, out of which the two half yearly dividends were paid, and the sum of \$136,037.14 turned to the reserve fund. The bank's capital is \$1,800,000, but this is largely exceeded by the bank's reserve fund, which amounts to \$2,418,000, or 130 per cent. of the capital. In other words the reserve fund to protect the bank's interest and that of its shareholders is nearly \$600,000 more than its capital stock.

The business of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been extending from year to year until today it is one of the very strongest of the Canadian financial institutions. Mr. H. C. McLeod, the general manager of the bank, is one of the leading financiers of the Dominion and under his management the progress of the bank has been rapid and steady. The local manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at St. John, Mr. T. B. Blair, is one of the most popular business men of the city.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Another American Barbicue.

Do you belong to the Kings county "Four Hundred?"

Who is the Ward McAllister of the Kings county 400?

George Goodenham's interview was too much for the equilibrium of the C. P. R. magnates.

The question of the hour in Montreal is: Will the president of the C. P. R. have to step down and out?

The reorganization of the I. C. R. will likely be followed by a similar shake-up on the C. P. R.

It is suggested that De Wet's atrocities are due to a desire for revenge for newspaper puns. He had terrible provocation.

The attacks upon Premier Ross by the "blue" press of Quebec is only an illustration of a new form of the Tory hysteria.

The jail will not be so popular when the prisoners have to take a bath before being allowed admission.

In Halifax the police are making a crusade against vice, while in St. John vice is making a crusade against the police.

The suggestion of another Canadian transcontinental line rather stirs the business imagination.

If the Boer general has butchered the peace envoys, he cannot know enough to come out of De Wet.

It is easier to criticize than to originate projects for the commercial advancement of this city and province.

St. John needs to wake up on the steel shipbuilding project. Sleepy old Halifax has stirred from her slumbers.

While the vaccination campaign is in progress, it might be well to inoculate the St. John police force with an anti-vice vaccine.

New Canada attracted fifty thousand net settlers to her western domain last year is the best proof of the progress the country is making under present conditions.

The proposition to furnish the jail-birds with separate baths and individual towels will help to take the rough edge off the counter-proposal of hard labor for long term prisoners.

The British manufacturers are having a small panic over American competition especially in the iron and steel trade. Canada will eventually play a leading part in the game.

The discovery of a million bushels of grain in the West Side elevators by an evening paper justifies the impression that there is some winter export business being done through St. John.

In the assignment case of Campbell & Nixon, Hartland, N. B., the creditor's complaint seems to be that the boy was simply father of the boy.

The St. Martins centenary is to be presented with a congratulatory address and an arm chair. The only wonder is some of the aldermen did not propose to present him with the "freedom" of the city.

There are only 538 questions to be answered in the coming census. Luckily we have not each to answer them all. Wonder if there is any provision for a substitute to give the information for each establishment.

The proposition to charge the city \$5 a day for the privilege of dumping snow into the Market Ship, as a display of local patriotism, is equal to the proposal of the gentleman at Little River to sell the city four acres of farm land for four thousand dollars.

General Hutton has been heard from. In an address before the Imperial Institute, London, he decides that the Boers are the greatest soldiers of ancient or modern times, and that it was, fortunately for the Empire that he was sent to the seat of war. It is now time to hear from Sam. Hughes.

## ANNUAL COUNTY MEETINGS.

### Municipal Councils of Several Districts

### IN SESSION TUESDAY.

**York Shows a Good Financial Standing--Northumberland Was Asked to Provide Colors for the 73rd Regiment--Charlotte Council.**

Fredericton, Jan. 15.—(Special).—The January session of York municipal council convened at the Court House this morning. After roll call, Warden McMillen thanked the council for the consideration shown him while occupying the warden's chair and tendered his resignation. On motion, Councillor Moushore, of Bright, was unanimously elected warden for the ensuing year.

Secretary-treasurer Black announced that the balance to the credit of the county in the Royal Bank of Canada, was \$7,283.75. He considered the financial condition of the county was very satisfactory indeed.

### Northumberland.

Newcastle, Jan. 15.—(Special).—The Northumberland county council met in annual session here today. Warden Kerr in the chair. Secretary Thompson asked to be relieved of his duties for a day as he was suffering from a severe cold. On motion of Councillor Wurt, Mr. Thompson was excused.

The following councillors answered to the roll call: Councillors Pond and Campbell, Ladlow; Councillors Swin and Hurdley, Hillsfield; Councillors Brophy and Hayes, Blackville; Councillors Ryan and Whitney, North Esk; Councillors Johnston and Tozer, South Esk; Councillors Parker and Crocker, Derby; Councillors Flett and Saunders, Nelson; Councillors Bourke and Chaisson, Rogersville; Councillors Davidson, Doyle and Lonsbury, Newcastle; Councillors Kerr, Watt and Connors, Clatham; Councillors Cameron and Ullock, Gloucester; Councillors Wiltson and Lewis, Hardwick, and Councillors Anderson and Savoy, Annapolis.

Councillor Bond moved that Councillors Connors, Tozer and Swin be appointed to nominate standing committees. They were appointed.

The 73rd Battalion petitioned the council to grant it colors. The battalion is composed of men from Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Redagou. The petition was referred to the committee on petitions.

A petition was read from Roger Flanagan, of Chatham. Mr. Flanagan wanted a refund on certain Scott Act fines paid by him. This petition was also referred to the committee on petitions. After a number of accounts had been dealt with the council adjourned until Wednesday.

### Charlotte.

St. Andrews, N. B., Jan. 15.—(Special).—The county council of Charlotte convened in annual session today with all the councillors in attendance. Chas. Cogan, of St. Stephen, was elected warden for the year, defeating J. W. Stevenson. Nothing of importance is to come before the council.

The county government at its quarterly meeting yesterday had a lengthy session and dealt with a number of important matters. Warden Macdonald presided while the councillors in attendance were Messrs. Daniel, Stetson, Hilyard, Colwell, Baxter, Waring, Tutts, White, Armstrong, Macdonald, Robinson, Millidge, Christie, McMillan, Catherwood, Lowell, Lee, Morgan, Ruddick, Fowles, Cochran, Dean and Hargrove.

Resolved recommending payment of a number of accounts the finance committee recommended that the lieutenant governor not be recommended to repeal the law relating to the registration of marriages, births and deaths, as it is unsatisfactory and exceedingly expensive; also that they be authorized to institute and direct legal proceedings against all or any defaulters for taxes in the parishes; and that the amount to the credit of the parishes' license account and the board of examiners of lumber surveyors account be distributed as by law directed.

### Births Not All Registered.

The section relating to the registration caused a lengthy discussion.

Councillor White said the present law in some respects was a hardship on the municipal profession, but he thought it would be unwise to interfere with the law bearing on such important statistics even if it was forced upon the municipality.

Councillor Christie was of the opinion that the law was worthless as fully 20 per cent. of the returns of births were not collected.

Councillor Baxter thought the collection and preservation of the statistics important. He moved, seconded by Councillor Robinson, that the section be struck out.

Councillor Daniel concurred with the opinion expressed that the registration was not complete as far as the births were concerned. Accurate records of the marriages were kept in church books, while the board of health looked after the mortality figures. It was important that full returns of the births should be collected. He thought that the section might be referred back and a suggestion made to improve the law in order that complete statistics might be obtained.

Finally the matter was referred to the committee on bills and by-laws to report at the next meeting. The other sections in the report were adopted.

### Making Prisoners Work.

The report of the buildings committee, among other things, contained the following sections respecting the carrying out of the law relating to the making of prisoners work.

The committee recommended that the committee on bills be authorized to prepare a bill for the next session of the legislature to provide for the more efficient carrying out and enforcing of hard labor sentences in the jail, and that the secretary be authorized to publish the necessary notice.

The committee on jail improvements

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## You Can't Go Wrong

In buying your clothing for men, youths or boys here at any time, but now when we are cutting prices the saving is positively like finding money. We did a big business at the new prices all last week, but the selling this week will probably break the record. Don't let anything keep you away.

Of course you understand that our regular prices are always 25 per cent. under prices elsewhere, so that it does not require an expert to figure out at these new prices we are offering clothing at about half what it is sold elsewhere.

### Men's Overcoats at Reduced Prices.

Regular price, \$5.00.	Sale price, \$4.00.
6.00.	4.80
7.00.	5.60
8.50.	6.80
10.00.	8.00
12.00.	9.60
13.50.	10.80
15.00.	12.00
18.00.	14.40

### Men's Fine Ulsters Reduced.

Regular price, \$5.00.	Sale price, \$3.65.
6.00.	4.80
8.00.	6.40
10.00.	8.00
12.00.	9.60
14.00.	10.80

### Boys' Three-Piece Suits, single and double-breasted.

Lot 1—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00.	Sale price, \$2.97
Lot 2—Former prices, \$4.50, 5.00, 5.50.	Sale price, \$3.97
Lot 3—Former prices, \$6.00, 6.50, 7.00.	Sale price, \$4.97

### Two-Piece Pleated and Norfolk Jacket Suits.

Lot 1—Former prices, \$2.25, 2.50, 2.75.	Sale price, \$1.89
Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.25, 3.50, 3.75.	Sale price, \$2.89
Lot 3—Former prices, \$4.25, 4.50, 4.75.	Sale price, \$3.89

## MADE-TO-MEASURE SUITS WORTH UP TO \$23.00. NOW \$15.00.

Special—A fine assortment of medium and heavy weight suitings, comprising many best fabrics and patterns, made-to-measure during this sale at \$15. Prices were \$20, \$21, \$22, \$23.

## GREATER OAK HALL, King Street, Cor. German. SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

### China Situation.

Prince Ching Affixing The Imperial Seal.

### IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

The Papers Will Not Be Presented to the Foreign Envoys Until Today--A Hitch in the Railway Transfer--A Chinese Court of Justice.

Peking, Jan. 15.—Prince Ching and his staff were a long time in the forbidden city today. Accompanied by the chief eunuchs, they saw a woman servant guarding the imperial seal. She produced the seal, the papers were sealed in her presence, and then the seal was returned. Owing to the lateness of the hour the papers thus sealed will not be presented to the foreign envoys until tomorrow.

In the American district a Chinese court of justice will come into being and operation tomorrow. The death penalty may be inflicted for murder, manslaughter, attempted murder, robbery, counterfeiting, larceny and burglary. It may also be inflicted upon those known to have been boxers, who have done injury to life or property. Other punishment like whipping, imprisonment and the imposition of fines, can be inflicted.

Owing to orders received from Berlin a hitch has occurred regarding the transfer of the railway, which Russia yesterday began turning over to Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The German foreign office has received official dispatches confirming the press report that the Chinese plenipotentiaries have signed the agreement but has received nothing to indicate whether the note has been returned to the foreign envoys.

Peking, Jan. 15.—French railway engineers have made a breach in the western wall of the Chinese city through which they will bring in the Pao Ting Fu railway. The Tien Tsin line will be extended to the wall of the Tartar city.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.—Yuan Shi Kai, governor of the province of Shan Tung, has been ordered to proceed to Peking to assist in the peace negotiations; but it is expected here that he will decline to go.

**SPINAL PAINS.**  
Weak back, pains in the side, number their victims in thousands. Only very powerful and penetrating remedies will reach these distressing complaints. Nervine is as sure to cure them as anything in the world can be sure. One drop equal in pain-subduing power to five drops of any other potent, penetrating, persistent in action. These express the qualities of Nervine, druggists everywhere sell it.

Every noble work is at first impossible. Carlyle.

### By Means of Large Birds with Crosses.

A New Jersey man has measured the altitude at which wild ducks fly. After many observations he has fixed the average height at 1,500 feet, and the speed at 47 1/2 miles an hour.

**Sides Sore from a Hacking Cough.**  
Take Pny-Balsam, it will cure you quickly, no matter how bad the cold. Endorsed by thousands of Canadians. Sold throughout the land. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

**The Late Bishop of London.**  
London, Jan. 17.—The remains of the Right Rev. Mandell Creighton, D. D., bishop of London, who died January 14, were interred in St. Paul's Cathedral this morning.