MIRAMICHI ADVANCE, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK DECEMBER 16, 1897.

Ratepayers' Right to Vote.



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Buy at our Own Stores I

Chatham and Newcastle people are, An Inconsistent Ättitude. perhaps, no less loyal to their own [Fredericton Herald Dec. 10th] owns than those of other places, but The Sun affects to believe that there is nevertheless we think that a good many in both places require to be re-windd that there are a different to be the contral Railway and that they owe a duty to their with its alleged \$10,000 deficit, as to take own merchants which they are too over the Canada Eastern with its \$44,000 induced to forget. Department net profits. Our contemporary must give stores in Montreal and Toronto, through its readers very little credit for astute-



represent an annual interest charge at 3 New Brunswick, if it backs up the efforts 1y do, but it is a long time since the Sun

per cent, of \$30,000, or \$14,000 less than the Minister of Railways is making to was in sympathy with the sentiments of

The Sun which gave the late Tory gov-

the net profits earned by the Canada Eas-tern in the year 1895-96. But the road is purpose of making it a part of the Inter-

capable of largely extending its traffic colonial system. and its receipts. The country through * * * * *

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which it passes has only commenced to de-

of an independent citizen in the affairs of utility, the government's purchase of the the same extent of mileage in Canada that road an entrance for its own line in- the right to vote, whether the list-com-

The World pretends to be a newspaper. "so intended or not, a severe back-handed . yet when the Minister of Railways and "slap in the face. And if it was not so Canals visited the town in which it is "intended, why was it said ?" published, a few days ago, and made an

A recent decision of the supreme court est, it suppressed it, instead of giving it ernment a slavish support, uttered no in St. John, if not over-ruled, will have to its readers. Not only that, but it has self from alleged Liberals and publishing

"otherwise obsequies address, expressed | or that as should best promote the advant be an independent citizen in the affairs of his country; he hoped that that was not actiminal wish, nor an ambitious expec-fation. He concluded by expressing the hope that this would prove an annus inirabilis for the university. An Inconsistent Attitude. the administration of the department wholly from the politize of the courty; but to the extent to which the Minister having it in his charge is able to effect the severance of the two, and to conduct the Government Railway upon business principles, to that extent will the efforts of the administration be to the advantage of the country

The World's readers will observe that Mr. Blair's remarks upon the portion of the address which that paper endeavors to twist and misrepresent were those of a statesman, and that the sentiments expressed were such as every Canadian worthy of the name will endorse.

Everybody hereabouts, however, knows exactly what is troubling the World. It is the fact that although it has done its utmost to deceive and mislead the people of the Miramichi in reference to the proposed purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway by the Government, and although, in conjunction with a few other enemies of Mr. Blair and the Intercolonial, its editor gained a seeming advantage in line with its traitorous policy in that regard a few months ago in this town, yet he could not induce even one of his co-workers at the recent Board of Trade Jouncil meeting to even second a resolution he moved with the object of preventing that body and the Chatham Town Council from expressing themselves favorable to that railway becoming part of the Intercolonial. The game of the World and those who pretend to be Mr. Blair's friends, and yet were secretly in league with its editor against both him and his government is well understood, and neither their direct por indirect attacks will have any appreciable effect in accomplishing the results which they desire, and which we all understand quite as well as they do themselves.

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The Ten and a Half Inch Lobster.

The welcome intelligence was received by Mr. Copp, M. P., on Tuesday, 7th, that it is the intention of the minister of marine and fisheries to make a regulation that after the first of January it shall be

Fundy under ten and one-half inches.

This applies to the waters from Cape Sable to Chignectu, and is what the Digby

county fishermen have been clamoring

for for a long time. It is a measure which

induce people to believe that they can get goods at marvellously low rates m sbroad. Money is sent away in large quantities on the representations ined in these catalogues, but when the goods arrive and the freight is paid the buyers generally find that they could have done just as well, if not hetter, at home. It often happens, too that the ready money is sent away to these outside places, while the senders at the same time buy also from the local merchant on credit, and expect him to sell as cheaply as the cash trader who would not give them credit for a cent and has no interest in them or the community save that of getting their money and depriving local busi-ness men of the trade that is their due. These distant department store concerns thrive largely on the gullibility of their patrons in the maritime provinces, and the villages of the province of Quebec, tor whom they run large stocks of estch-penny goods in many lines. They seem to think anything is good enough for people who appear to be easily wheedled out of their money. We hope the merchants of Chatham and Newcastle-and indeed of all our Miramichi towns-will have less reason hereafter than they have had in the past to complain of the want of loyalty on the part of their neighbors in the inster referred to. The money earned in the community should be spent in it, whenever and wherever possible. Otherwise, our towns will not thrive ss they should. We have stores in atham and Newcastle which in their popearance and the stocks of goods they offer would do credit to much larger laces. Their prices are fair and their methods of doing business honest. Let as patronise them and not be induced to send our money a thousand miles away simply because showy and bepictured catalogues are addressed to us.

"THE SUN" VS. MIRAMICHI :-- It was had enough to have had some of the leading liberal papers of the province opposing the unanimous wish of the people of Northumberland and York counties that the Canada Eastern railway, if sold by Mr. Gibson and his ates, would become a part of the I. C. R. system, rather than of that of the C. P. R., but our people did not think that the St. John Sun would have carried its political partizanship so far as to take up the crusade which its opponents had abandoned. The Sun to have lost its head The Sun and Transcript. We observe that the Sun takes up and re-echoes the Transcript's cry for the offi-cial head of the editor of the ADVANCE, on the ground that he is an offensive olitical partizan. Now, if there is one thing more than another that we object to it is partizanship in politics or any-thing else. Our motto is, temperance in all things, and we have never been able to follow or act with the pertisan press of either side of politics in its denunciatory style of treating politics in his descriptions. As an inde-pendent Liberal newspaper, the ADVANCE has, at times, felt at liberty to oppose the policy of the Liberal leaders, and even to ort Liberal-Conservative candidates then nondescript candidates have been hrust upon the Liberal party, but no one thfully say that either the AD-FANCE or its editor were ever swayed by The San, of course, doesn't know why the Transcript demands that the Liberal leaders shall decapitate fishery commisnioner Smith on the alleged ground of offensive political partizanship, but its editor, who possesses many of the charac eristics of the editor of the Transcript, as also a mania for joining in any attack on the ADVANCE or its editor, and hence the Sun's barking when the Transcrip Our offence is that we charged the Transcript with being a poor Liberal paper, hecause it opposed the policy of party leaders. We would do precise ly the same thing in the case of the Sun, should it advocate a policy different from that of the Conservative leaders. We fail to see any political partizanship in this, and incline to the notion that neither the Sun nor the Transcript is a competent judge of what partizanship really is. In any case, it makes little difference what they may say or think, for we all understand the rules which govern them, and that they represent only the smaller politics of the country.

Hon. Mr. Blake and Canada.

A Toronto despatch of last Friday anya :--Hon. Edward Blake will never return to Canadian public life. He made that announcement definitely at the dinner of the University of Toronto Medical Faculty last night.

In response to the toast of the Univer nity of Toronto. Mr. Blake referred to his personal connection with the Uni versity, and went on to say that this would be the last opportunity on which he could address them for some time. He hoped it would not be said because he hoped to come back here some day, that he intended to shirk his public duti

or abnegate public responsibilities. He t some time he would be able to make The Sun names a dozen other branch lines ducts. Some of the Snest lumber lands is his abiding place. But he did not in- connecting with the Intercolonial, none of the province lie directly in its course, proportion to the value of the road, but to vote because his name was accidentally very incorrect and false notions respect- Blair may be assumed to be a fair judge of tend to desert the cause in which he had of which bear any comparison with the and must prove of immense value as enlisted. He would not leave it until Canada Eastern, either in their paying traffic producers of the future. The of the Canada Eastern, our contemporary for damages and the supreme court dethe men associated with him agreed that qualities or their value as feeders to the through trade, including the shipment of rushes in with its objections which cannot cided in his favor, and the jury placed the "a back hander," whatever that may be, preting their utterances as a person who be could do so without prejudice to the government line, and gravely announces fish from the North Shore, already an be supported by reason or argument. Lesst of all had he any malign also that these roads might be taken over item of considerable proportions, will innotion, as had been suggested, of offering by the government with as good reason as crease as greater facilities for quickly elf for office or leadership in this the Canada Eastern. This suggestion reaching the western market are afforded, He was out of it for good ; he does little credit to the judgment or sagac- and with the Intercolonial running Why it opposes the transfer of the Canada ted it ; had kept away from it ity of any newspaper writer, much less

names are not left off .- [Yarmouth Times. | the province in the Dominion Govern-

Careless officers will continue to be ment and an honest Minister, they were ina widespread it; had kept away from it ity of any newspaper writer, much less that of one assuming the wisdom of the soon as he could, and no earthly bashe thing could indows but it its way to that of one assuming the wisdom of the soon as he could, and no earthly that of one assuming the wisdom of the soon as he could, and no earthly the of any newspaper writer, much less that of one assuming the wisdom of the sources form the fact that the minister of railways had spoken in the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-that of one assuming the wisdom of the sources form the spoken in the content of railways had spoken in the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-that of one assuming the wisdom of the sources form the spoken in the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-that of one assuming the wisdom of the the spoken the spoken in the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were in-the content of the canada rain onest Minister, they were the what they said. The World says Mr. Blair "mant he opposite of what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the opposite of what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the opposite of what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the opposite of what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the opposite of what they said the canada rain onest Minister, they were the o The another is a spore in the government is the government is the government is and the second and intervening points on the minister of railways and spore in the government is the government

"Now, I am very well aware that there is

means a deal to the preservation of the lobster fishery and it is to be hoped that the results will prove as satisfactory as the advocates of the scheme have expected.-[Digby N. S. Courier. Canadian Finances. OTTAWA, Dec. 10 .- The following is the revenue statement for the five months of the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, as compared with same period in 1896 : 1897. \$ 3.862,268 \$ 8.007,685 2,576,911 3 403,625 1,480,000 1,175,000 1,728,167 1,716,443 503,731 431,160 Excise. Post office Public works inc. ry's... Total. The showing for the month of \$14,651,077 \$14,734,913 LTes.... \$11.415.225 \$12.049 841 There is therefore an increase in every branch except excise. The showing for the month of Noven ber alone is as follows . 1897.

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Rev. Principal Grant on Prohibition.

TOBONTO. Dec. 11 .- The first of a series of letters from Principal Grant, of Queen's University, on the proposed plebiscite on prohibition, appears in The Globe to-day,

that the Government has promised, in accordance with the programme adopted at the Liberal Convention of 1893, to submit to direct vote a question involving, not only great commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests, but also popular habits and tastes and public morality. Unquestionably the Premier has taken a great risk; but if his doing so springs from

prohibition has never yet been submitted by government to the votes of any nation in the world. Municipalities, counties, prov inces, states, have voted for and have actually tried prohibition; but for a Dominion, cattered over half a continent, to try it; specially with a boundary line of thousands of miles, on the other side of which it is lawful to import, manufacture and selian experiment that one is t-mpted to t

But there are men in Canada-employers labor, mechanics trusted by their fellows, acational authorities, students of history and sociology, literary men and othersompetent and also free to speak out on this great public, non-party and moral ques-

With submission, it seems to me that it is their duty to do so now and as no man has a right to ask others what he himself is unwilling to do, according to the measure of ability, 1 propose to offer a contribution to the discussion. After long and earnest consideration I have come to the conclusion that a Dominion prohibitory law would be hurtful to the cause of temperance, and most hurtful to general, public and private morality. Believing this, it is surely my

duty to go to the polls and to vote "No" the question, "Are you in tavor of prohibi-

through to Montreal, an increased quan- Eastern we do not know, but it looks as

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damages at \$100. If a town is to be held but we believe that it is the World's has for years been one of his most vindic-

to revisit his country; he hoped make them to accept any such reasoning. up for the manufacture of the forest pro- government, the St. Charles branch of in St. John who had paid his taxes and which show that it desires persons unac- contempt by either those silly letters or the Intercolonial, at a price much out of had a receipt therefor was not permitted quainted with the whole matter to have such twaddle as the foregoing. Mr. because Mr. Blair proposes the purchase left off the voting list. He sued the city ing it. The World pretends to think the meaning of those who address him ;-

Eastern taken over by the Intercolonial. great care taken hereafter to see that friend, the appreciated representative of dress, which the World suppressed said :--

responsible for the omission of a qualified way of expressing the idea that while tive but, happily, ineffective enemies. [st, John Gasette.] The Sun does not want the Canada voter's name from the list, there will be addressing the distinguished visitor as a Mr. Blair, in his speech in reply to the ad-

trust in the good sense of the people, as we have a right to suppose, it is high time for is to consider our duty in the premises with all seriousness and calmness. So far as J know, the proposal to enforce

In part he says :-

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