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The Evening Star.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.

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Suppose some of those people who have been reading the STAR for nearly two years without paying for it were to bring us a load of wood!

There is nothing so important in a public man, especially if he be the leader of a party, as backbone.

THE ST JOHN CASE.

If the St John members have the courage to bring forward their resolution at all, it cannot be very far off now. It is just as well that members who have the interests of the Province at heart, should be prepared to meet and combat the arguments that Mr Elder will bring forward. They will likely hear one of Mr Elder's very best speeches; for if report speak true, he has been writing it the past fortnight.

Great stress will be laid on the commanding position of St John, its wealth and its population; though the same man who will tell all this, not many days ago wrote, and wrote truly, that St John was bankrupt, and that her people were leaving for other parts by every train and by every boat.

The House will be told that it costs enormous sums for lawyers to bring their cases to Fredericton, but those before whom such an unworthy argument will be used will readily be able to see that it is the interests of the Province, the interests of the producer and the taxpayer they have to consider, not the trifling inconvenience and unimportant loss to a handful of lawyers.

As to the advantage of having the departmental offices established in St John, it will be difficult for even Mr Elder to persuade the House that such is the fact. The chief office in Fredericton in the respect of visits by persons residing neither in St John nor in Fredericton, is the Crown Land office, and this is situated as near as possible to our settlement lands. If it were in St John it would be as we said before convenient only to the few acres of swamps and miserable bushes in the Parish of St Martins.

As to the expense of maintaining a Government House here and the way St John proposes to do it, Mr Elder will not we hope dare test the credulity of the House to the insulting point. To speak of "hiring a residence for the Governor" of the Province is to insult the intelligence of the Legislature; to endeavour to pawn off arguments upon a body of intelligent men that one could not use with impunity to a lot of school boys.

The St John scheme in this respect is this: "Promise a House to the Governor at the city's expense; but once the change is made let the Province provide him a house."

The next point is the economical manner the Government will be conducted under the eye of the St John people: the York Pointers, the Marsh Road gentry, and the Sheffield Street folks, we suppose being included in this list. Well, for every dollar it takes to conduct these offices here, it would cost a dollar and a half to conduct them there. The tendency of large places at any rate is to beget offices, and before a year we should have petty departments springing up out of the main departments; the expense of which added to the increased salaries of officials would bring the increase up to 50 per cent.

Under this heading we should deal with the cost of legislation, and the increased allowance to members to compensate for the increased cost of living in St John.

But the greatest behind: the cost of putting up new buildings in St John and removing the old capital. This Mr Elder has so glomered over, that while the cost may go up to half a million, it

will stand the Province hardly anything. It will be half a million in one way, that is the way you and I look at it, but in the way Mr Elder will show it up it will amount to absolutely nothing! He will show you he can issue bonds, bearing 5 per cent interest, and that said interest will not be equal to what you pay for repairs of buildings, etc., in Fredericton every year. Fortunately Mr Elder will tell this to a lot of shrewd business men, men who know that for every thousand dollars—for which the Province issues bonds she is that much in debt plus the interest on those bonds; and that the HALF A MILLION it will cost to gratify the greed of two or three lawyers she will have to be paid back SOME DAY with interest: and that by the sweat and toil of those people who get nothing out of the lawyers and less out of St John.

The House knows what its duty is to its own conscience and to the country without hearing at all from us; and while we have not the slightest doubt, as to the result, nevertheless we have given the above skeleton, as it is with such arguments those who are watching and guarding the interests of the Province will have to deal.

The city of St John will not back the pettifoggers and the unbalanced newspaper men.

THE GRAND SOUTHERN.

It appears after all that if the Grand Southern Railway is to be "burked," it will be done not in the interests of the Province, but of an Englishman here whom people call "Murray Kay." Last week a Committee of the House met and after having enquired into all matters in connection with the project, were about submitting a report favorable to the road. At this juncture a telegram came in from some henchman of Mr Kay's, asking that the committee withhold its recommendation till after this busy-body had shown cause against the Grand Southern. At the same time pamphlets, without a name, but opposing the Grand Southern were placed by unseen hands upon the members' desks.

This worthless scheming must fall far short of its object, and to this end we take pleasure in bringing it to light. When the House comes once to see that it is expected to vote down the Grand Southern and ruin its promoters not for the country's sake, but in the interests of Mr Murray Kay, it will very soon show that impertinent gentleman that he mistook the intelligence of the House when he thought to win them from the path of duty and justice by such despicable, low lived means.

And when Mr Blair utters his protest against the Bill, the House will readily be able to understand that in honor and honesty he could not do otherwise: being Mr Murray Kay's paid Council to go back on his clients would be disreputable and unpardonable in Mr Blair. We must therefore expect his opposition to the road.

The St John Kearney's are now the laughing stock of the House.

A DELEGATION OF SUBURBAN NATIVES, VS. THE GRAND SOUTHERN.

"Abraham Brown is come to town, A riding on a Pony."
 Two ordinary countrymen and two country men who were not ordinary countrymen, but Councilors came into town last week, not exactly on ponies, but on a pair of bob-sleds. One of them Glendonning by name had a sheet of paper, torn on the bias, and upon this triangular piece of paper, he had a kind of a petition drawn up. The petition was for Mr A. G. Blair, who on looking at it had to move his head over his shoulders to grin, and the gist of it was that he would oppose "this 'ere Grand Southern Railroad."

We do not know who has been tampering with these men, or how they look upon "this 'ere Grand Southern" Railroad. They have likely got into their heads that this road is going to run through their farms and spoil their land and kill off their cattle. We assure them nothing of the kind is intended. The road will not be built through their farms, nor will it run near York at all. It commences at St. Stephen and runs to St. John; and whoever told these farmers and Councilors that it was to run in any other direction ought to feel ashamed of himself. The delegation returned, delighted to have found out that neither their land nor their cattle is in danger.

THAT PEDIGREE BILL—INFRA DIG.

Mr. F. P. THOMPSON introduced a Bill last week providing for some mode of preserving horses' pedigrees. The best way we know of that the House member could serve the equine race, would be by studying the business of a groom, spending his time in the stable with the curry comb and brush, and leaving politics alone. We are not disposed at all to joke over such a vulgar bill as this; but we do feel disposed to censure the House for admitting a document like it at all. We look upon the admission of such a Bill, as we looked upon the admission of D. Banks McKenzle to the floors of the House two years ago. We think the dignity of the Legislature should never be forgotten.

As it gives importance to a falsehood to contradict it, we shall not deny the malicious insinuations the Sun makes about the tenders for Parliament Buildings.

FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED.

THE SCHEME NOW IS, MOVE THEM SECTION BY SECTION.

The St. John Advocates yesterday had not made up their minds whether they would propose a compromise or await the result of their resolution. Belial, in the original, did not counsel war, but he favored wiles. Mr Elder was somewhat in favor of proposing that "St. John take the courts, and Fredericton keep the Seat, and that the buildings be repaired." Other counsel prevailed, and they decided to launch the resolution, and if it failed to "then go for repairing;" and also take the courts. Their little scheme is quite plain, and it is this: Let them once get the Courts and make St John the "legal" capital, and next year or the year after they will say, "We have the Courts here now, then let us have the rest,—and thus would they move them "section by section."

The duty of the House therefore is plain. Give St John an Equity Sitting, discretionary with the Judge: build here a neat brick building costing about \$50,000 and end this scheme which, by some turn of circumstances, may else at no distant day bury the Province in debt, and place us at the mercy of St John.

[Mr. Ryan has given notice that he will on Thursday next move a resolution providing that a building be prepared, during the session, at Fredericton. This is the way to end the suspense, and put Mr. Elder on the negative side.]

The bottom has fallen out of the St. John scheme!

CLOSING THE NEW BRUNSWICK RY.

Mr THEBRIAULT the nominal member for Madawaska has moved for a committee of the House to enquire into the running of trains on the New Brunswick Railroad, and we believe petitions have been sent in asking that the Company be compelled to put on trains.

It might be just as well that the House and the committee knew something of the motives of these petitions and the motion made by the non-resident member for Madawaska. The Obstructionists are at the bottom of the agitation. By obstructionists we mean those malicious persons who have persecuted the road since the moment the first train was put upon it. They live along the line between Grand and Little Falls, and their handiwork is chopped-down culverts, broken rails, huge stones and sticks laid across the track. These monstrosities have not escaped the country's ear, and at times they were carried so far that few could be induced to travel by the railroad. It is well to know these are the people whose names are to be found on the petitions which Mr. Thebriault is ready to present, praying that the line be opened.

There is another petition also, and it comes from Grand Falls. It denounces the originator of this petition is the notorious Mr. Fred W. Brown. He hovers because the road is closed up, yet when it was open he came by horse and sled to Woodstock. This man is a bitter enemy to the road, and is now not moving in the interests of the public, but to gratify personal spleen against the owners of the railway.

We are not apologizing for the Com. pany, but we are stating the facts, that the House may see it is not those who contribute towards the freight and travel of the road, and who are benefited in return, that now agitate for its reopening, but the miscreants who, to carry out their hate against the owners would persecute themselves and endanger the lives of innocent persons. The Branch will be opened the 1st of April, for which we think the conscientious people along the line ought to be, and will be grateful.

THE St. John press is dumb as Balaam's ass at that "meeting."

"RISUM TENEATIS AMICUM."

We have been credibly informed that a delegation has been appointed in the city of St. John, but not of it, to proceed to Fredericton; much in the same capacity of the three Tooty Street Tailors who resolved themselves into a committee of the whole and promulgated their inexorable law, "We the citizens of London &c." Or as an apt illustration we are reminded of a caricature given by Horace on a different subject. The head was of brass, the body of wood, and the feet of clay, if we remember correctly and subsequently the whole thing tumbled down and became a heterogeneous mass.

This delegation is appointed and instructed to proceed to Fredericton to—will we say lobby or bribe the members of our New Brunswick Legislature into the adoption of certain measures? The people of St. John or rather those who are supposed to represent them, must think that the days of Walpole have returned, when every man was supposed to have his price. This annual begging excursion from St. John has always seemed to us a direct insult to the members of our Legislature. Is it not an unquestionable proof that they regard and treat the representatives of the people of this Province, as so many automata that may be worked by certain machinery? Have those men no minds of their own? Are they not competent to decide intelligently all questions that may present themselves for their adjudication without having external influences brought to bear upon them? The representatives of this Province should long ago have resented such an insult.

HOW THEY WILL STAND.

THE very best case those who hope the wildest for St John is as follows, counting out the Government:

From St John,	4
" Kings,	2
" Westmorland,	1
" Albert,	2
" Kent,	1
Total,	10

And be it remembered not one of these ten is voting from his convictions. The four from St John will vote partly out of love for themselves and partly out of fear for their positions: Kings' vote will be the result of similar feelings. Westmorland will give her one vote because Mr Killam has a personal interest in St John, and because he does not trouble himself, never has, with the interests of the Province. Mr Turner, it is said, we don't know how truly, "is so fixed" that "he can't get over voting St John;" and he takes Mr Lewis with him. Mr Sayre is rather a curiosity in his way, and it would be difficult to tell what interests make him lean to St John: certainly they are not the interests of the Province.

Mr Blair is more than anxious about the result and more than jubilant in anticipation. He is under the impression that Mr Wedderburn and Mr Marshall will have to resign. Upon this he can make his mind easy: these gentlemen will not resign. The vote will be taken, Mr Elder's amendment will go to the wall, the temporary party breaches will close; Mr Elder will once more come back to the Government; Mr Ryan will repeat him of having been guided by rumors instead of by justice and judgment, and he will gradually come back to the path from which he has strayed a little. Mr Killam will not come back, and we think for the very best of reasons: the Government don't want him.

Yes, in a day or two the present little squall will have cleared away, harmony will be once more restored, but the highly colored hopes which have kept Mr Blair agitated for the last ten days, will be seen through the clear atmosphere, stranded high and dry. So be it.

GENEROSITY—FALLEN BAR-OMETERS.

The St. John delegation returned yesterday, and we learn they have made up their minds not to disturb the Seat of Government just now: but will be satisfied with having the Courts removed to St. John. This no doubt would be a matter of great rejoicing to one of the delegates, Mr. Ritchie, for example. That gentleman must have always considered it great hardship to bring a cause from St. John, for in our remembrance he has never yet tried a case in a Fredericton court. We ought to be very grateful to St. John for their consideration in being "satisfied" with the Supreme and Equity Courts at the present, and no doubt we are!

But some are not so gracious as this and assert that it will be some years yet before Mr. Ritchie and the rest of the anonymous lawyers of St. John will have the pleasure of listening to Messrs Thompson, Tuck, &c., pleading Equity and Supreme Court Causes, before a St. John tribunal. And we are much of the same way of thinking ourselves.

DELEGATIONS.

St. John alone affords the only annual offering of which we have any recollection. She seems to regard herself the center of the universe or rather the "hub" of New Brunswick, forgetting that she lives from without rather than from within. Left to herself she would be a rock lashed by wind and wave. Were the people even worldly wise, their interest would be to encourage external resources.

We are not disposed to believe that the representatives of this Province will allow its most sacred interests to be controlled by a few lawyers who would charge their clients the same if not more, were the change for which they cry out granted them, and a few Micawbers, who have nothing to do and are only waiting for something to turn up.

BUYING OUT THE "SUN."

THE Sun says that after the "Capital" question is disposed of, Mr Blair will move his want of confidence.
 Last winter when the Sun had hopes of raising stock and getting its old claim settled it called Mr Blair an "Indian," and ridiculed his party. It looks now as if the Sun had been bought over to the "Ingun" party. We congratulate the Opposition on their purchase! To buy Mr Livingstone is to alienate Mr Elder, for that gentleman could not recognize a party that the Sun would support. We therefore again congratulate Mr Blair, and Mr Butler, and Mr Killam, and Mr Cottrell, and Mr Fred P. Thompson.

RUMORS AT OTTAWA.

It is reported at Ottawa that after the session, Mr. O'Connor retires to the Bench, and Mr. Costigan takes the vacant Postmaster Generalship. In that case Mr. Costigan would likely represent an Ontario constituency. A portfolio for Mr. Costigan is only a matter of time; and the reward will be a just recognition of wide abilities and rare consistency.

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THE House on Queen Street, opposite the Brayley House, at present occupied by Dr. Currie; also, the two stores or offices in same building, occupied by W. C. Brown, J. P. and Miss Davidson. Also, the lower part of the House on Campbell Street occupied by Mr. Geo. H. Simmons. Possession given 1st of May. RAINSFORD & BLACK. F'lon, Jan 31, 1880.—4f

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Fredericton, February 17, 1879.

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