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The Evening Star.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.

FREDERICTON, MARCH 11, 1880.

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

A Second Edition of the Star will be published at 6.30

THE GRAND SOUTHERN.

We are glad to see that the members are determined to push through the business of the Session without any gyrations or lung exhibitions. Mr. Wedderburn, the day of opening, fired the first ball, by presenting one of the ubiquitous St. John bills, and Mr. Lynott followed him yesterday by presenting his Grand Southern Railway Bill. This Bill asks for an extension of the Charter, under which the Railway Company was organized, from eight to ten years. The bill, beyond a doubt, will be passed without very much discussion.

And now, with our readers permission, just a word on this Bill. We could well hope the House had never passed the law under the terms of which this road was commenced. But we could also wish that Adam had never eaten the apple, or that Anne Boleyn had never been born. There are many things that we could wish had never come to pass, among others that ever a sod had been broken on this railroad. And this is our declaration, speaking just what ignorant but open mouthed rumour says, and while we are perhaps quite astray as to the wisdom of projecting the scheme, and the success of it when completed. But once the law under which this company was organized was put upon the books by the voice of the country, we became in equity and in honor bound to respect it. And once an enterprise, under the guarantee of that law was commenced, we are equally as much by equity and by honor bound to extend that same law to its legitimate conclusion. To refuse an extension of the charter to this Company is to disregard the intention of the law as it stands upon the books, and to disregard the law in this case is to prove that the statutes solemnly placed in our books, are mere Will o' the Wispis that may lead individuals or corporations into the meshes of ruin. To refuse an extension of this charter, is to make a scapegoat of this particular company; to trample precedent under foot, at the same time that you violate the equity of the case, and the spirit of the law upon which the case rests. The Dalhousie Branch Railway charter was extended last winter—also the St. Martins and Upham Railway. The Central Railway charter and several others have been extended, and we may say many of them had never put a spade in the ground.

Let Mr. Blair whom we wish well direct the force of his abilities against some object more worthy of his political vengeance than the Grand Southern. We had hoped, but we see quite foolishly, that the project might die a natural death; but since it stands before us and asks nothing but bald justice, much as we could regret doing so we accept it. The pill to us is just as bitter to swallow as it is to Mr. Blair, and more bitter far than it is to those who would oppose the measure, because it may be of a party nature. We have been looking at the matter from the first, and have written many times as we have felt about it; but the supreme moment has come, and no matter what we may have muttered to the contrary, we are now prepared to receive this measure, and back it with our coat off.

There may be, and we hope there is some magnanimity in this; but the grounds upon which the case rests are broad, equitable and right; and so it commends itself to us.

HON. MICHAEL ADAMS we regret to learn has been ill the past few days, and yesterday was unable to be at the House. We were glad to-day to see he had so far improved as to be able to take his place again.

PROS AND CONS.

The sentiment of the House seems to be against any expenditures that are not absolutely necessary. It seems to be the leading opinion that neat brick buildings, costing about \$50,000 will meet the wants of the Province for the next century to come. There are very many who are of the opinion that we do not need new buildings at all, but that the old buildings will answer all purposes, by being repaired, for the present time. We are happy to state that those who take the latter view of the case are about as few in number as those who advocate the preposterous St. John scheme. Some of those who say, "Repair the old building," argue that Maritime Union is only a question of time; that the western portion of the Canadian Empire is gradually overshadowing the Maritime portion, and that we shall in these Lower Provinces have to form a kind of Hansatic league, adopt Maritime Union or go to the wall. We confess to being unable to see the question in this light. "Tis true, Canada to the west of us is growing in power and importance, but this augurs good instead of ill for the Maritime portion of our Dominion. Farming, including grain and stock raising, will be the leading pursuits of the prairie inhabitants for generations to come, and those engaged in these pursuits will look upon the Maritime Provinces as their workshops. When the empire of our neighbors across the borders began to extend itself over the Continent, many with chicken hearts foretold gloomy things for the New England States, just as the haters of Confederation and the apostles of Maritime Union foretold poverty and woe for the sea bordered Provinces now; but time has showed how groundless were the fears and how hollow the predictions. The New England States are lives of manufacturing industry, and are as necessary to the rest of the Empire as the feet of the hands are to the human body.

To those who bemoan evils yet to come, and who advocate Maritime Union as a panacea for these ills, we say calm your fears, unless indeed Elisha has dropped his mantle upon you. And if the refusal to vote for new parliament buildings rests upon these fears and forebodings, we shall with a large quantum of confidence for a triumph of common sense.

THE BUDGET.

"A man must serve his time to every trade save censure." The Budget Speech has been delivered, and it has also been assailed. It is no wonder it has been vehemently attacked; on the contrary had it been allowed to pass unchallenged, there should have been very great wonder. There is nothing that ingenuity can devise, that is safe from the merciless enemy Criticism. The bible itself has had its Voltaires, and its Humes, and its Paynes preying among its leaves: the Koran too has been attacked.

Sir Leonard has not been able to tell of very much prosperity to the country; and had he attempted to do so he should have been acting quite foolishly. It is impossible to legislate a country into prosperity; inasmuch as legislation has little to do with the spring of a nation's wealth further than to direct their current. Neither can the currents of prosperity however well directed bring about that prosperity in a few months, for which Canada is so anxiously hoping. For many years past the commercial tide had been ebbing, and our prosperity floated down with the current. Granting that the tide has turned, and we most firmly believe it has, it will take as long to restore to us our aforesaid prosperity, as it did to impoverish our nation.

We have a deficit of nearly two million this year, but we do not seek to hide the fact. For the last three years before the new government came in we had been rolling up a deficit of something like two million dollars as annual instalments. To have hoped that Mr. Tilley could overcome that deficit, at the same time that he had practically excluded foreign goods, the source whence flow our revenues, from our markets, would have been to expect a sheer impossibility. If any enthusiastic conservative ever held out such hopes as these, we trust he had the sense to know that he was merely ranting; and more honor about him than to ever again try to deceive anyone by a similar course.

We have the National Policy, and so far as we can see it has done none of the woful things predicted of it by Baal's prophets. Neither can we say that so far it has done much good, while we might say that its tendencies seem in the direction of our country's improvement. To judge of the National Policy by what we have seen, would be like pronouncing upon the apple by seeing the blossom.

CONSISTENCY THOU ART A JEWEL.

OR IS IT PETER'S SECOND FALL?

A FEW days ago every unscrupulous person in St. John banded together with the avowed intention of plundering Fredericton of her Parliament Buildings and her vested rights. We looked at the matter as an ordinary act of piracy and wrote of it as such. To our style of writing Mr. Simon Pure who happens to be editor of the Telegraph took serious objection, and deprecated that we should use such "coarse abuse."

From reading the censure we got it into our heads somehow that Mr. Elder was a mere stick, was quite passionless and in the words of the elegant linguist of the Sun, "Never get off the handle." We

were just as mistaken however, as we were one time about 10 years ago when we tried to cross a swollen brook on a stick which though apparently sound (like the goodly apple "rotten at the core") broke under us and let us into the stream.

Well this even does not tell how mistaken we were. Take up yesterday evening's Telegraph and reads its leading editorial, and there you will find samples of Mr. Elder's "moderate speech," and the extent, just to which we were deceived. There is no "coarse abuse" in the article. There is worse: there is melancholy evidence of an incurable attack of hydrophobia. The victim is a gentleman of unquestioned honor and integrity. Said victim is no other than Sir Charles Tupper. Hear how our esteemed contemporary Simon, speaks of him:

Sir Charles Tupper last evening with more than his accustomed audacity stood up to vilify his political opponents and to pour forth such a stream of vituperation and falsehood as must have made every decent man on that side of the House hang his head with shame. Among other things this brazen fronted knight asserted that the duty on coal has lowered the price of coal in St. John, a statement so ludicrously false that our citizens might afford to laugh at it were it not for the proof which it affords that Sir Charles has got so lost to the sense of shame that he cares not what he says.

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MR BLAIR vs. A CERTAIN PAMPHLET.

"Marry but thou'rt better fitted for a clown than to play the role of critic."

—OLD PLAY.

"An idea of the railway facilities of the province may be thus summarized."

Mr Andrew G. Blair, leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, and self-professed master-critic of the Queen's English, sneered to-day in the House at the above sentence. Is it any wonder he did not know "but the pamphlet was a primer"? Who could have thought him guilty of ever having seen a school book in his life?

Now, Mr Worcester's definition of *idea*, Mr Blair to the contrary, is this: A term employed to indicate every representation of outward objects, hence a representation. Is it possible to Mr Blair's mind to "summarize" a representation—to shorten a statement—to express detailed facts, in general terms? If it is not we beg to apologize for being so wicked as to argue with a man in his state of mind.

Mind you, with all this, Mr Blair would wish to be considered as possessing a smattering of literature.

We have not time to-day to deal with his sneers at the rest of the work, but at an early day we shall return to the subject—unless Mr Blair apologizes in the interim.

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THE SHOP at present occupied by **MR. SAMUEL GIBSON** in the subscribers building, Queen Street. Possession given 1st of May. Apply to **Mrs. E. W. MILLER.** F'ton, Jan. 27, 1880.—lf.

TO LET.

THREE Houses in Gibson, and possession given on the first of May next. For particulars apply to the subscriber. **JOHN NEILL.** Gibson, Feb. 5.—lf.

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A Small Cottage in St. John Street, next to Mr. Patrick Sweeney's Store. Possession can be given immediately. For particulars apply to Mr. Sweeney, or to the subscriber. **JOHN NEILL.** Feb 4—lf

TO LET.

A House situate on St. John Street, at present occupied by Mr. Joseph Winslow. Can be seen at any time. For particulars apply to **Mr. T. McCARTY,** Regent Street. F'ton, Feb. 26, 1880.—lf.

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A HOUSE with Barn and Garden attached on Charlotte Street, adjoining Robert McDonald, Esq. Also, Shop and Flat on Regent Street. Also a Flat on George Street. **D. CASEY.** F'ton, March 4, 1880.—lf

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Also, the Shop now occupied by Mr. Daniel Lucy, as a Boot and Shoe store. Also, the Shop at present occupied by Mr. John Owens as a Grocery Store and the dwelling over the same. Possession given 1st of May. **OWEN SHARKEY.** Jan. 22, 1880.—Rep lf.

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