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### THE BRIDGE.

We give elsewhere a resume of the efforts made by the Local Opposition clique to prevent the construction of the Bridge. The history of these transactions is well worth reading. Every elector in York County ought to know how Messrs. Wetmore and Temple and their political hacks endeavored, at the sacrifice of the unquestioned rights of the Province, and the interests of the people whom they represent, the one in the Assembly and the other in the Commons, to thwart the plans of the Local Government in reference to the Bridge. They fought the work at every step. They endeavored to prevent tenders being put in, to prevent the contractors obtaining sureties, to prevent the Legislature from granting the money, to procure the intervention of the Dominion Government, to get the Lieutenant Governor to stop the work by dismissing the Attorney General, and last, but not least, to get the City Council of Fredericton to throw obstacles in the way. These things ought never to be forgotten by the electors of York County, who will have an opportunity one day of showing what they think of men who prefer the gratification of personal enmity to the discharge of their duty to their constituents.

### THE PROVINCIAL LOAN.

The local government has sold at par \$100,000 of the new issue of provincial debentures bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent. This is the best loan ever made by the Province, and is considerably better than the late Nova Scotia loan. The five per cent. debentures issued by our sister province went at 108. This is equal to a sale of our 4 1/2 debentures at 97.

Some of the Opposition papers are complaining because the government is advertising a further issue of \$150,000, and they say that the payment of the Eastern Extension claim by the Dominion renders such a loan unnecessary. In this they are quite incorrect. Although \$150,000 was voted by Parliament last session to pay that claim it has not yet been paid, neither is it yet settled that the capital sum will be paid to the province. At present the amount stands to the credit of New Brunswick and interest is payable upon it at 5 per cent. As the Province will likely be able to borrow what money it needs at 4 1/2 per cent, it is plain that it will save one half per cent, \$750 a year, by not drawing the capital sum of the Eastern Extension claims, so that in point of fact it will be a good stroke of business if the local government can, as it is almost certain they will be able to, place the balance of the \$250,000 loan at par at 4 per cent.

### THE POLICY OF HUMBUG.

#### SECOND ARTICLE.

In order to appreciate the Policy of Humbug, it is necessary to keep in mind the condition of the country at the time its high priests succeeded in persuading the people that they were the evangelists of a gospel of commercial salvation. A business depression had prevailed for some years, which in its extent and intensity was far greater than that now existing. In all parts of this Continent as well as in Europe enterprise was almost paralyzed, and a feeling of despondency was almost universal. Realizing the necessity for a rigid economy Mr. Mackenzie, who was then in power, applied all his energies to the maintenance of the public service at the least possible expense, and although he had many obligations, incurred by his Tory predecessors, to discharge, he was able to reduce the expenditure, and the rate of taxation which in his first official year was \$4.19 per head of the population, was in the last year when his tariff was in force only \$3.50 per head. The Tories cried out against the Liberals and charged that the responsibility for the business depression rested upon the administration, and they rested their canvass in the elections of 1878 upon this platform—that a government can and it is its duty to prevent hard times; and they under-

took, if returned to power, to give the country that prosperity which the Liberals by their lack of patriotism and statesmanship had prevented the country from enjoying; and this they proposed to do not by an increase but by a readjustment of taxation. This was the pretence upon which the Tories obtained a Parliamentary majority in September 1878.

When Sir Leonard Tilley made his budget speech in 1879 he took occasion to avow in the plainest possible terms the claims of the government and its duty in respect to business. These were in brief to reduce the imports and increase the exports so that the latter would exceed the former, to secure the people uninterrupted prosperity, to provide a market for every thing which could be produced in the country, to stop the exodus of the population and give constant employment to everybody. In his speech he taunted his predecessors with not having done these things, and pledged himself and his colleagues to their performance.

At this time there were already signs in Europe and the United States that the depression was passing away, and a succession of good crops in Canada, accompanied by a demand for our staples abroad, sent a glow of new life through the business circles of the Dominion. This was augmented by the enormous expenditures and wild speculation in connection with the Northwest, and also in some measure by the expenditures of capital on the faith of the promises made by the government that they would make the prosperity permanent.

In 1882 shrewd observers began to see that the hollowness of the N. P. would soon be demonstrated. The demand for our produce abroad became reduced; there were indications that another period of hard times was approaching. Sir John Macdonald, foreseeing defeat if Parliament lived out its term, ordered a dissolution, and going to the people backed up by the Pacific Railway Company, to whom he had given millions of the people's money, secured a majority in the new House.

Events have shown that he did not go to the people too soon. The depression foreseen came to pass, but although its intensity abroad was not equal to that of the preceding one, in Canada it was fully equal to it and in many localities it was greater. In St. John, for example, it is admitted that never in the lifetime of her business men have times been so hard; and although exceptional circumstances have favored Fredericton to some extent, our merchants and others admit that they have not experienced in a long time so unfavorable a year. In every part of the Dominion factories are closing, many of them having earned good dividends through all the last depression. The exodus has not ceased. There is not market for all the country produces. There is not labor for all.

Yet the taxes of the people have been vastly increased. From \$3.50 per head, which were the figures when the Tories came into power they have increased the rate to \$6.00 per head; and though business is languishing, and merchants everywhere say that the enormous rate of duties they have to pay is a constant source of embarrassment, no effort is made to lighten the burden.

Such were the promises of the Tory, and such has been the fulfillment of them. This may well be called a policy of Humbug.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There are reports that the French Banks in Montreal are embarrassed and it is said that the Banque du Peuple will pass its half yearly dividend. This is the first time such an event has occurred in this bank for thirty years.

The *Globe* says that some of Sir Leonard Tilley's friends in St. John don't want him to be Lieutenant Governor. They say that if he takes the office their party will be unable to stand against the hostile criticism which his acceptance of the position will evoke.

The *Canadian Dairyman and Farmer* is the rather lengthy title of a monthly publication, issued at Montreal, by the Canadian Dairyman Publishing Company. This magazine promises to acceptably fill a useful field. The subscription rate is low being only 50 cents a year.

The St. John *Weekly Freeman*, after a long struggle, and a career of considerable influence, has suspended publication. The *Freeman* will be greatly missed by its readers. It was vigorously conducted, but in these days of mammoth dollar weeklies its failure was a foregone conclusion.

The Editorial Contributor has demonstrated apparently to his own satisfaction

that Mr. Mowat's victory in the Boundary question is a glorious triumph for his opponents. He is not so honest about it, however, as the *Halifax Herald*, which boldly said that whatever was the result their could be no victory in it for Mowat or defeat for Sir John.

A large meeting has recently been held in London to advocate Imperial Federation. The *Quebec Chronicle* says that "the Independents will not regard it with favor." But why not? An Imperial Federation, to be worth anything, must be a Federation of Sovereign States. Canada must be independent before she can confederate with any country on terms which can be lasting.

When asked by his friends what they should say about the scandals started against him, Cleveland telegraphed, "Tell the truth." He has given his supporters a shibboleth, which they will use to good advantage in the canvass. "Tell the truth" is not a bad battle cry; if the Democratic Candidate is not the "man of destiny," his friends say he is, he has at least shown that he knows how to catch public sympathy.

### GLEANINGS.

**A Good Budget of News from All Parts of the Province.**

Messrs. G. H. Wallace, A. H. White, and R. E. McLeod, of Sussex, have been appointed a committee to select a suitable site for a Baptist Seminary at that place.

Lobster traps have been broken up at Miscon and Shippegan by the rough weather prevailing of late. Codfishing has fallen off to almost nothing.

Richard Nagle and H. E. Vail, both of St. John, while attempting to scull from Indian Point, on Wednesday last, experienced very equally weather about four miles from the mouth of the Kennebecas. Their shells were capsize, and the oarsmen had hard work to save themselves from drowning.

Dr. Jenkins has been selected as Tory candidate for Queens, P. E. I.

Mr. John T. Payson will be the Tory Candidate in Halifax.

Mrs. R. Morton Smith was on Tuesday thrown from a carriage, near Peter's landing, and dislocated and broke one of her arms.

The standing grass on Thorpe's Intervale, on the Meduxnakik, Carden Co., was sold at a little south of that price yesterday was bid in for \$47. Mr. Dickie was the purchaser.

On last Saturday, says the *Woodstock Press*, while a number of small children were at play in Mr. McAdam's shed, overlooking the Meduxnakik, at the south end of the bridge, a little child of that name was accidentally knocked out of the window, and fell into the water. His fall was fortunately noticed by a young man who went to his rescue, and with difficulty saved the little one's life.

It is reported that the management of the N. B. Railway have decided to put sleeping cars on the line between Bangor and Woodstock, and possibly Presque Isle.

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will meet in Moncton on Saturday, August 23rd.

It is rumored in Westmorland that the Minister of Railways will be in the country shortly. The *Transcript* promises lively for him.

The Acadians of the Maritime Provinces will hold a convention at Misconche on the 14th and 15th of August, and the people of that thriving village are preparing a tea and banquet on a large scale for the occasion.

The will of the late George Garvill, of St. John, has been admitted to probate and his real estate valued at \$57,500 and his personal estate at \$105,000.

Justice W. Masson, of Newcastle, has issued 47 certificates so far this season, 22 of which were for boys killed in and about Allison settlement, Northwest.

Thomas Murphy, of Dalhousie, was recently fined \$15, and \$7.00 costs under the Liquor License Act for not having a sign up over the door of his hotel premises as required by the act.

The articles on "New Brunswick" and "Nova Scotia" in the recent volumes of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* are the pen of George Stewart Jr., Editor of *Quebec Morning Chronicle*.

The Newcastle Square Committee have arranged a monster excursion to St. John for Tuesday, Aug 5th.

A young man named Bedford Gilks was killed in Samuel Freese's mill, Doaktown, on 14th inst., being caught by a piece of iron hook wound about the shaft to tighten the coupling, and whirled about until life was extinct.

A fine horse belonging to Charles Sargent, of Chatham, ran away from that gentleman's door on Monday and was drowned by leaping off the ferry-slip.

The "Valona" is the name of a new barque of 790 tons, built by Messrs. J. A. Jardine, Kingston, and which sailed last week from Richibucto, deal laden.

Mrs. Wm. Hatt, of Grand Falls, a sister of Rev. Dr. Connolly of Carleton, and a most estimable lady died at her residence on Saturday last.

Lady Macdonald and party arrived at Bathurst on Thursday morning and proceeded up river immediately.

Arrangements for the proposed race between the St. John and Portland fishermen have not yet been completed. The fault is not with the St. John men.—*Courier*.

At Demoselle Creek, A. C., on Thursday, an elderly man named Asa Tronice was found dead in his potato field, lying between the rows. He had gone there to pick beetles from the plants. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause.—*Chignecto Post*.

The I. C. R. Coal Contracts for the year commencing 1st July are divided as follows: Vale Coal Company, 60,000; Spring Hill

Mining Company, 35,000; Halifax Company, 30,000; a total of 125,000 tons.

A boy named Alex. W. Irvine, son of Mr. Wm. H. Irvine, of St. John, ate a small piece of green apple Thursday morning and in less than three hours was a corpse, despite the efforts of two physicians. Although he had been in ill health for a few months, the effect of the green fruit, it is thought, was the cause of his death. His parents have the sympathy of the community.

### SPORTING NOTES.

The annual scull race for the championship of Halifax harbour is set down for next Wednesday.

The usual fall meeting will be held at Moosepath Park, St. John, the first week in September.

The managers of the Woodstock Trotting Park are to have a grand horse-race on Wednesday, September 26th.

The American Cricketers have been very successful in England. They have now played seventeen games, 8 of which were won, 5 lost, and 4 drawn. In those 17 matches they scored an aggregate of 5,002 runs for the loss of 273 wickets, or an average—and an excellent one, too—of 18.33 per wicket. Of the four drawn games, two were moral victories for the visitors, while neither side could claim an advantage in either of the others.

The probability is that, if Homer and Temer row their proposed race, Homer will make a start of five seconds, and if Temer cannot make more favorable terms, he will accept the handicap.

### A CLEVELAND MANCUL.

**How William E. Scovill Robbed his Employers.**

William E. Scovill is son of the late Rev. William E. Scovill, of Kingston, King's Co. He studied for the ministry, but did not enter it, but taught school in St. John very successfully for some years. He married a daughter of the late Dr. Wetmore, by whom he had two children. After her death he married again and has four children by his second wife. He has lived in New York for some thirteen years, where he has been confidential clerk for Lord, Day & Lord, a law firm. He lived well, but not extravagantly, for a man in receipt of the large salary he received, and was highly esteemed and trusted by all who knew him. But he has shown himself unworthy, and to be in fact one of the most adroit swindlers on record. The story of his transactions is thus given in the *New York papers*.

The sensation in Wall street, New York, this week, is the failure of DeWolf & Swan, stock brokers. The failure was due to the swindling operations of Mr. William E. Scovill, who has defrauded the firm by means of forged powers of attorney, accompanying the certificates of stock lodged with them as margin for his enormous operations. The disclosures of the extent and character of Scovill's speculations show that the amount involved will be at least a million dollars. Scovill has been for the past 12 years a clerk for Messrs. Lord, Day & Lord, lawyers, of No. 120 Broadway. He had been detailed especially to attend to the business of Mr. Henry Day, and became fully acquainted with that gentleman's affairs. The firm kept all their own property and that of their clients in the vault of a safe deposit company, while Mr. Day had his, in a box in the large iron safe. Scovill was paid a very handsome salary, and had accumulated a modest competence. About three years ago he began to speculate in stocks and real estate, at first in a small way, but soon on an enormous scale. Scovill's operations were very largely against stock privileges, of which he was probably the largest buyer in the street. The result of his operations are said to have been unprofitable. The methods of Scovill's operations were simple but bold. Being aware that Mr. Day was a very careful man, who frequently examined his securities, as soon as he had taken any of them he had skillfully lithographed engraved copies of them, which he filled up to correspond with the ones taken, so that Mr. Day in looking them over would not notice their abstraction. After the discovery of his crime Scovill left New York and is supposed to have come to Canada, although the detective deny this.

Mr. Day said that he was not aware of Scovill's speculations, further than an admission from him that he occasionally bought a long time stock privilege. Whatever appearance of prosperity he made that was noted by his employers, he explained by saying that his first wife left an estate of \$50,000, which he managed for her children. Mr. Day said that he was unable to tell what the amount of Scovill's thefts were. What efforts, if any, are being made to arrest Scovill are not known. The point is raised that Mr. Day, or some one whose name he has forged, is the only person who can prefer a charge upon which he can be extradited. Some of those who hold securities which it is alleged were stolen said that as yet no efforts had been made by the owners to recover them further than the notice stopping the transfer. The discovery by the Mercantile Trust Company of Scovill's irregularities was due to his financial embarrassment. He had borrowed \$50,000 from it collateral, and the latter part of last week wanted \$20,000. It was given to him on conditions that he should assign to them the house he lived in. This transaction was to be completed on Saturday by the signature of his wife. When he did not appear on Saturday with the deed, and the \$10,000 check he had given DeWolf & Swan on Friday came in against an exhausted account, the officers of the company became suspicious, and looked for him, but without success. Thoroughly aroused, the company decided to hunt up Scovill at his country resort in Connecticut, and this was done, with the result of securing the transfer of all his property to the company.

### A Fine Stock.

M. S. Hall advertised elsewhere his excellent stock of books, stationery and fancy goods. He has a fine lot of Cabinet Organs and will give good bargains.

### Boots and Shoes.

A. Lottimer has made arrangements to keep up an unusually well supplied stock of boots and shoes for the summer and fall trade. See his advertisement.

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### Savings Bank Statement.

The following is a statement of the business of the Savings Bank Fredericton, for the month of July.

Bal. due depositors 30th June.....	\$357,583 25
Deposited during the month.....	10,930 00
	\$368,513 25
Withdrawn during the month.....	9,587 56
Bal. due depositors 31st July '84.....	\$358,925 69

### Customs Receipts.

The Customs receipts for the port of Fredericton for the month of July 1884, were..... \$3,776 54  
For corresponding month of 1883..... 1,982 88

Increase..... \$1,793 66

### Post of St. John.

Receipts for July 1884..... \$58,741 78  
" " 1883..... 678,585 0

Decrease..... \$9,843 31

### Police Court.

#### FINDAY.

Two witnesses were examined in the case of Moses Timmins for violation of the O. T. Act, and the further hearing of the matter was adjourned until Tuesday next.

In the charge against Benjamin Moody for violation of O. T. Act, two witnesses (the same two as in the Timmins case) were examined and the case further adjourned until Tuesday.

There was another charge against Moody for selling liquor to Indians contrary to the Indian Act. Mr. A. L. Belyea, who prosecuted, made affidavit that he was informed and believed that the defendant Moody had said one Newell Acquin the sum of \$15 to go away and keep away from the trial until the charge against him was disposed of. The Police Magistrate will also take the attendance of witnesses and the matter was adjourned until Friday next.

### SATURDAY.

No business before the Court.

### Business Notes.

The frame of Mr. J. D. Irving's steam saw mill at Buctouche was raised on Saturday last. The building is 110 feet long, 32 feet wide, with 20 feet posts. Sawing will begin the first of next week.

John S. Magee, editor and proprietor of the *Bay Pilot*, who also conducts a large dry goods business at St. Andrews, has assigned liabilities \$40,000.

The *Royal Gazette* contains a certificate of a number of gentlemen having filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary a Memorandum of Association for the incorporation of a Company to be styled "Wm. Parks & Son, Limited." The object of the Company is the manufacture of Cotton Goods of all kinds, with such other things as are it is deemed to the attainment of that object, with a Capital of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be divided into eight thousand shares of twenty-five dollars each; and stating that the Office or principal place of business to be at the City of Portland, in the City and County of Saint John.

Messrs. Hicks, Fawcett Bros. and others of Sackville, expect to make a large shipment of cattle to the English market during this month.

The net earnings of the Grand Trunk system, reported in London, for the five months ending May 31, were \$339,440, as compared with \$399,501 for the corresponding period of 1883.

### Central Railway.

The President of the Central Railway was in town on Saturday. He says that the construction of this road will commence at Gibson at an early day.

### She Should have Waited.

At a recent marriage the bride sneezed so violently that she dislocated her jaw at the moment when she was to have pronounced the solemn "I will." A surgeon had to be sent for to repair the damage before the ceremony could proceed and meantime the bridegroom remained manfully at his post. By saying in a box of snuff the masculine member of the new firm may be able to avoid an entire course of certain lectures.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

**Darwin's Great Mistake.**  
Minks—"I don't see why it is that if men originally had tails they didn't stay on."  
Finks—"According to Darwin the tails dropped off when there was no further use for them."  
Links—"No further use for them. Good gracious! Did Darwin think that?"  
Minks—"Well, I guess he never saw a bald-headed printer setting type in fly type."  
*Philadelphia Call*.

**A Business Transaction.**  
Bill was a country boy doing odd jobs for old man Feeling, a down town wholesale merchant, and one day Bill died. It was necessary to send the remains back to the country, and the undertaker came to see Mr. F. about it. The old gentleman was busy at his desk over a lot of bills and orders.

"I've got him all fixed, Mr. Feeling," said the cold meat handler.

"That's right. Ship him!"  
"How must I mark the bill?"  
"Oh—ah let me see,—still looking over his papers—just mark 'Bill' inside." I guess that'll do do.—*Merchant Traveler*.

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