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The Evening Despatch.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.:

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31.

THE HON. MR. TODD, AND THE CROWN LANDS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The revelations of Mr. Todd, in the Legislative Council, of the manner in which the Crown domain in this province has been so many years past mismanaged, have excited no little surprise. It seems scarcely credible that, while our astute neighbours of the State of Maine have been carefully guarding their public lands as a rich heritage, and, at the same time, reaping from them an annual harvest of wealth, we should have been squandering our resources, of the same description, with the lavish profusion of a spendthrift, regardless of the morrow. It has long been well known, as a melancholy fact, that the once rich pine timber lands of New Brunswick have been denuded of their valuable growth wherever they could be reached by the woodman's axe; and are now, like the stately moose which inhabited them, to be found only in almost inaccessible districts. Already, too, we hear the cry of alarm, that spruce is becoming more and more scarce,—and hachmata and birch are in the same category. And for what are we thus bartering our wealth? We invite our readers to peruse, if they have not already done so, Mr. Todd's able and convincing speech, and then say, if they can, why it is that a department of government so important, and so expensive as that of the Crown Lands, should have so miserably failed in its duty. Instead of the paltry income hitherto derived from them, it is clear that ten times the amount might easily have been obtained; and that, too, in all probability, with advantage to the province at large. For it has long been admitted that the lumber business is one of demoralising tendencies, enticing our young men from the more sober pursuit of agriculture, and intoxicating their minds with unreal visions of sudden riches. It should certainly have been the duty of government to check, rather than foster such a business, and we trust it is not yet too late to effect a thorough reform. The matter has been brought forward by Mr. Todd at a very opportune moment. When men, to whom we are accustomed to look up as wise in their generation, are raising their voice against railway extension, on the ground of its leading to new taxation, it is encouraging to know that we possess an almost inexhaustible mine of wealth in our Crown Lands, which, with proper, (not to say wise,) management, may be made to yield as much as will amply protect us from any taxation for railway purposes. Our

space is too limited to admit of our dwelling longer upon this vitally important question, which is one well worthy of investigation and discussion. We may, however, recur to it hereafter, and, in the mean time, we shall be happy to receive communications on the subject.

WHO IS TO BE MAYOR?

Isaac Woodward, Esq., has announced his intention, in response to the solicitation of some of the Electors, of being a candidate for the Mayoralty at the approaching election. Other gentlemen are coming forward: among them are Wm. O. Smith, and James Olive, Esquires. These have filled the office before, and are familiar with its duties. But that the affairs of the city flourish more under the Mayoralty of either Mr. Smith or Mr. Olive, than under the present incumbent, we are not prepared to say. But we believe that Mr. Smith was considered an efficient Mayor, and he certainly at one time was very popular.

However, a strong desire is felt and expressed by many of our citizens that this responsible situation should be filled by a new person, that there should be a complete change; and, indeed, it is only fair that other citizens besides those who have once or often been elected, who may have equally strong claims on the confidence of the community, and who are men of undoubted ability and integrity, conversant with the affairs of the city in the time past and the present time,—it is only fair, we repeat, that these gentlemen should have the opportunity to originate, and carry into effect, well-devised schemes for the moral, social, and material improvement of the city. In the present instance, then, for this reason, and for others we need not now mention, we cannot but consider the claims of Mr. Woodward as prior to those of the candidates above named. Years ago he did his duty faithfully in the Legislature as a representative from this city and county, and, as far as we know, he has been vigilant and active in the public offices he retained for a long period. Probably, few citizens are better versed in the past financial history of St. John, since its incorporation, and few are more alive to its requirements at the present time. Somewhat advanced in life, and being in a position to devote the greatest portion of his time to the duties of the office, we believe that Mr. Woodward would make a prudent and progressive Mayor, and we hope he may be elected.

MULTUM-IN-PARVO.

CHURCH PATRONAGE BILL.—It will be seen that nothing more is to be done with this measure during the present session of the Legislature, in order that the wishes of the clergy and laity of the Church of England throughout the province may be ascertained respecting it. This is assuredly but fair towards them,—though all the trouble and labour the first movers in this matter took a few weeks ago to bring it before the House will have to be gone over again, when, had there been a Diocesan Synod in existence, the question might have been decided at once.

A SUBSCRIPTION list in aid of the distressed operatives in France was opened a few days ago in Quebec, at a large and enthusiastic public meeting, and a large amount was at once subscribed.

SHALL the Common Council be paid? On this head, the *Globe* said some well-timed and excellent things the other day in mentioning the bill sent to the Legislature, providing that each alderman and councillor in St. John should be paid £25 a year for his services. The *Globe* sensibly remarks that no gentleman who valued his time and position would accept any office with such a pittance attached to it, and that a certain set, (in no way a credit to the place,) would seek the situation for what it was worth pecuniarily, and that whatever honour becoms at present to it would soon disappear.

To pass, or not to pass? Such is the question one asks in reflecting on the uncertainty of the Intercolonial Railway Bill before the House. It is known that some of the strongest supporters of the government are determinedly opposed to the Railway—but on the other hand several of the opposition, Messrs. Kerr, Williston and others, are enrolled in its favour. Success to it, say we.

THE National Theatre, in Boston, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning. There was but little insurance on the building. Mr. W. B. English was the Lessee. Nearly all the actors and actresses lost the greater portion of their wardrobes.

LAST week a considerable portion of the back part of the city of Fredericton was submerged—the water in some places being from three to four feet in depth.—From the hill in the rear of Fredericton the water rushed down in great abundance, and, there being no proper drains to receive it, of course, got into the houses, causing not only discomfort to the inmates, but damage to the furniture, carpets, and the like.

We are informed that Mozart's great Twelfth Mass will be sung in the Cathedral in this city on Easter Sunday. When do the choir purpose to give a Concert?

A GIGANTIC CAKE!—The Royal wedding cake was five feet and a half high and two and a half feet broad at the base. It was made by the Queen's confectioner at Windsor.

THE *Paris Presse* says that Madame Emile de Girardin wore \$200,000 worth of jewelry at the Countess Walewski's fancy ball.

DEERFOOT, the American Indian, has again won in a race with an English pedestrian at Hackney Wick beating his opponent by ten yards in a distance of ten miles. The race which was for £50 was run in 52 minutes and 44 seconds.

WEDNESDAY, April 1st, was the day fixed for an eight oared race between the amateurs of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. These aquatic contests excite a great deal of interest in England.

THE Prince of Wales has a clear capital of three millions of dollars, and a regular income of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars to begin married life with.

SUMS varying from £250 to £950 were paid in London to owners and occupiers of houses situated on the line of the Royal Procession, merely for the accommodation of curious sight-seers on the day of the Princess Alexandra's reception in England!

LAST Sunday week a very serious fire occurred in Yarmouth, N. S., destroying much valuable property, none of which was insured.

To the Electors of the City and County of St. John.

GENTLEMEN.—On Tuesday, 5th May next, I shall be in Nomination for the office of MAYOR. Should I receive a majority of your votes, my best abilities coupled with my past experience in that office, shall be devoted to the financial, ornamental and progressive interests of the City. Respectfully soliciting your support, I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, W. O. SMITH, mar 31.

TO LET.

THE BRICK BUILDING on Water street, lately occupied by Capt. Thos. York. A Store in Brick Building, No. 62 Water Street. The House and Premises lately occupied by C. E. Luckie & Co., in Brick Building, on Merritt's Wharf. And the SAIL LOFT at present occupied by Mr. S. H. Fought. Apply to C. MERRITT, No. 69 Water street, march 31.

VALUABLE

Business Stand

TO LET.

THAT well known Shop and Premises lately occupied by Thomas R. Jones, Esq., in the Brick Building owned by Mrs. M. Johnston, on the west side of Dock street, near the corner of the Market Square, suitable for either a Dry Goods Store or Grocery. Possession can be given immediately. Apply to W. WRIGHT, Esq., Office, 13 Princess-street, march 31.

MELODEON

FOR SALE:

THREE OCTAVES, PIANO STYLE, and in perfect order. Warranted. JOHN S. ROWE, march 31, 75 Prince William street.

Just Received from Boston,

49 DOZ. OF THE

CELEBRATED PATENT FLEXURE SKIRTS!

AND FOR SALE BY F. A. COSGROVE.

THESE SKIRTS have now been brought to such a state of perfection that the manufacturer, notwithstanding the cost of the material, believing that they possess more of the desirable qualities sought for, than any other Skirt in the market, and is confident that they will give entire satisfaction to all who wear them. By the use of Joints in the Hoops of the Skirt, a heavier and better quality of steel can be used, giving to, and retaining in the Skirt a more Graceful and Elegant Form; while the Flexibility of the Joints permits the Skirt to assume an Easy and Graceful Position when the Wearer is Seated!

prevents the breaking of the Hoops under pressure—also that permanent distortion of the Skirt so objectionable and universal—always allowing the Skirt to return to its original form when the pressure is removed.

The quality of Braid and the peculiar construction of the Skirt adding so greatly to its durability, particularly commend it to the favour of those who desire to unite in their purchase, elegance, convenience, and economy. F. A. COSGROVE, march 31, 35 King-street.

SEEDS! 1863. SEEDS!

The Subscriber has received per English steamer Norwegian, via Portland:—

5 CASKS containing the most approved varieties of Garden and Field seeds, adapted to the soil and climate of New Brunswick, of Cabbage, Beet, Carrot, Cauliflower, Beans, Peas, Onion, Radish, Parsnip, Squash, Cucumber, Lettuce, Celery, Pot Herbs, Turnip, Mangold Wurzel, White Clover, &c.

7 casks more to arrive shortly per Trade Wind, containing the balance of stock of English Seeds.

Also to arrive in a few days—50 bags containing about 8000 lbs. of the best Northern Red Clover Seed, and a supply of the best Timothy Seed. The subscriber's stock of Seeds, both in quantity and quality, is equal to any in this market, and will be sold at the lowest prices, wholesale and retail, by T. B. BARKER, march 31, 35 King-street.

No. 11 KING STREET.

Just received by the subscribers—

A SPLENDID assortment of Carriage HARDWARE, consisting of the following, viz.:—Side and Elliptic Carriage Springs, manufactured to order; Hickory and Oak Carriage Spokes, assorted, 1½, 1¾, 2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12, 12½, 13, 13½, 14, 14½, 15, 15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½, 18, 18½, 19, 19½, 20, 20½, 21, 21½, 22, 22½, 23, 23½, 24, 24½, 25, 25½, 26, 26½, 27, 27½, 28, 28½, 29, 29½, 30, 30½, 31, 31½, 32, 32½, 33, 33½, 34, 34½, 35, 35½, 36, 36½, 37, 37½, 38, 38½, 39, 39½, 40, 40½, 41, 41½, 42, 42½, 43, 43½, 44, 44½, 45, 45½, 46, 46½, 47, 47½, 48, 48½, 49, 49½, 50, 50½, 51, 51½, 52, 52½, 53, 53½, 54, 54½, 55, 55½, 56, 56½, 57, 57½, 58, 58½, 59, 59½, 60, 60½, 61, 61½, 62, 62½, 63, 63½, 64, 64½, 65, 65½, 66, 66½, 67, 67½, 68, 68½, 69, 69½, 70, 70½, 71, 71½, 72, 72½, 73, 73½, 74, 74½, 75, 75½, 76, 76½, 77, 77½, 78, 78½, 79, 79½, 80, 80½, 81, 81½, 82, 82½, 83, 83½, 84, 84½, 85, 85½, 86, 86½, 87, 87½, 88, 88½, 89, 89½, 90, 90½, 91, 91½, 92, 92½, 93, 93½, 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