

OUR POLITICAL HISTORY.

INTERESTING SKETCHES BY MR. G. E. FENNETT.

The Prohibitory Liquor Law Passed in New Brunswick 1856. The following is a summary of the history of the Prohibitory Liquor Law in New Brunswick...

Responsible government was yet destined to have another set-back in this province, arising out of a matter so immaterial in itself that it was a great misfortune to have it ever have arisen...

An extra session of the legislature held in October, 1854, for the consideration of the Reciprocity treaty, a vote of want of confidence was moved and carried after many days discussion against the "Street and Chandler Government," as it was called...

It was high water with the temperance organizations in New Brunswick in 1855, but not high enough to float successfully the plans contemplated for destroying the liquor traffic...

After several days of acrimonious discussion the bill was carried, but it was not considered at the time to be a true test vote. Several who supported the measure expressed their opposition privately among their friends...

The prohibitory liquor bill carried, (17 to 21 in lower house) received the governor's assent and became law—to take effect 1st January, 1856. The bill provided that no liquor should be imported or exported for sale unless for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes...

As one of the results of responsible government in British North America, may be mentioned the personal advancement of the political principles of the empire. And these remarks are only confined to the members of the liberal government formed in New Brunswick as given above...

None of these gentlemen, it is believed, would have received imperial recognition had not responsible government, and consideration next, paved the way for the distinguished positions which those living occupy today.

most numerous and influentially signed by citizens of St. John, Liberals (alike) and Tories alike, was sent to the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to dissolve the house and appeal to the country upon the liquor law...

Old Liberals and fast friends, who had stood shoulder to shoulder for years in contending for self-government, and at daggers' points, politically speaking, with the Tories, lost their heads on this occasion and divided into hostile camps...

When Mr. Hume was a member of the house of commons, there was a discussion between the chancellor of the exchequer on the budget, as to the real amount involved in the liquor law...

During the session of 1856 petitions were presented to the house from all parts of the province, from liquor dealers and brewers, asking compensation for the loss of their business and the merchandise they had on hand...

Mr. Gilmour inquired when the bill for the repeal of the prohibitory law would be taken up. He contended that it was a measure of importance and that the country was anxiously awaiting the result...

Mr. Wilmot (ex-governor) said that if the government were not responsible for the bill they were for the deficiency in the revenue. Surveyor-General believed it was not right for the government to go against the voice of the people...

Mr. McPhelin thought that at the time the law was passed the house should have been dissolved in order to ascertain whether the law was sustained by public opinion.

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REV. GEORGE BRUCE, B. A.

THE POPULAR PASTOR OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

An Outline of the Direction and Results of His Sixteen Years' Labor in the Presbyterian Ministry—His Method of Thought and Work, as Stated by Himself.

"Does he write his sermons?" In the rural districts of New England, and to a lesser extent in the southern and western states of the union, there still survives a prejudice against the use of manuscripts in the pulpit...

As the world grows wiser, however, sensible members of the congregations come to realize that there is diversity of gifts, and that it is impossible to bind the ministry to any hard-and-fast rule...

The pastor of St. David's church, Rev. George Bruce, B. A., talked interestingly on this point to a representative of PROGRESS, the other day.

and that it is impossible to bind the ministry to any hard-and-fast rule. Each man has his own way, and while it is better for one to extemporize, another finds his account in thinking and writing his message before the time of its presentation...

which Mr. Bruce also served, was quite as poorly off, in respect of church accommodation. Under Mr. Bruce's inspiring influence, however, the people set out to build a church...

Address to the Rev. George Bruce, B. A. In the leadings of God's providence you have been called to enter another field of labor, and now the pleasant relation of brotherhood between us as pastor and people is almost ended...

But you going means more than the loss of the relations you personally sustain towards us. In the members of your family we have found kind friends who have been our hearts' dearest and nearest people. Their cheerful co-operation in all that affected our welfare has been constantly manifested...

Men who hold high position in the church speak with very great appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Bruce before his

HOW TO PLAY TENNIS.

A WELL KNOWN CHAMPION TALKS NET.

A New Contest in the Governing Club in England—A United Kingdom Association Formed With Champion Renshaw President.

There is no outdoor amusement which is so popular with society people, so much participated in by ladies as well as men, as tennis. Some years ago lawn tennis clubs and courts were almost unknown in the provinces—at least clubs were unformed and courts were few...

It will be of interest to players in the provinces to learn of a departure in tennis. The All England Tennis Club has been the authority in matters relating to the game until recently, when lawn tennis association for the United Kingdom and Ireland, with Mr. Renshaw, the world's best player, president...

Edward P. MacMullen, lawn tennis club champion of New York, and who is a strong bidder for the championship of the United States, writes as follows concerning the game...

The first thing I should advise any one to do—that is, any one who feels the sacre fire within him, and who hungers and thirsts after tennis—is to join a club. Home play, of course, improves you, but not nearly so much as club play.

Something has been hinted of Mr. Bruce's public-spirited efforts to forward philanthropic enterprises, and much might be added. In Aurora, Ont., he was the president of the Mechanics' Institute.

Mr. Bruce's work for Presbyterianism. At the present time, he is a member of the managing board of Pine Hill Theological school and convener of the augmentation committees of the Presbytery of St. John.

Sam Jones on Churches. St. Louis church members have been listening to some very plain talk from Sam Jones about preachers, churches and church members.

Columbia College's New Effort. Columbia college has formally adopted an institution which illustrates in a remarkable way the progress which the higher civilization is making in America despite the severe criticisms of Mathew Arnold.

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Death is an angel with a scythe. To us he turns a face of terror, blight the other burns. With glory of the stars and angels see that face...

Two strong, sharp Death; One smites to dust Dear Beauty's idol and long sweet years vanish because they're His other and his strong. It lays untruth and giving Eternity by one O Liberating Death!

Strive, O my soul, to Till the heavenly face And fashioned truly to And live, not knowing—Theodora

APOSTROPHIC I tried to look rose-colored glasses of the white-painted tall steeple, where But I could not come when I came in sight, and saw how much were for it. We're in Munson, but papa's expression that this at a glance that the young minister and remembered that the preach for them, my grown-up daughter...

One of the ladies I had insisted on giving valued servant, who considered, would I devotion, and relieve there was Rosabel at me. I could not help more I should have hand-shake if she bedsteads to remain the cooking stove to trace. Our old fun was a welcome, but the bedquilt of melancholy of the parlour connection with chin in tubs and barrels, on its back, with its disconnected turtle, idea that we had re-

beds that were happy as that the only way to the parlour was to climb piano placed before lady in the parish has so the duty for the how eight people we bedrooms. The preacher by discovering established herself in She explained her to the one chamber that that she couldn't I wanted to assure her peculiar in her fondness then I reflected what prove if I treated her my tongue hard, and finding places, she selected a large close been a ship, I should state-room commodious ashore one requires dimensions. It would me to sleep in the large I had always used; but that Rosabel had a for her room. My only while I busied myself faces and hands, but for I was resolved not to of any one in the parlouring Mrs. Howe's valuable household.

Of course the boy sleeping four or five were troubled about it. Surely the parish, who flowing into a second would remember the offer to build on an that did something of that to part with Rosabel might be if I gave her Papa was bounding which he was unappreciated to find my much-acted we were startled by an shouting and a door won't have such a run through my kitchen!" We knew that Rosabel in the scrimmage were running to take possession, across the street, our box of a house.

"Never mind, dear by the confusion. Be she will show us those endeared her to Mrs. I "She's begun by I there will be no peace, her. But don't fear! discreet, and not dis-parish. Oh, papa, if born a minister's daughter to be managed and loyally to throw Rosabel window and put you in the sun and the view of Rosabel's voice from vented my father from reproff I saw by his eye me.

"Tell your father the asked to tea has it pron boys are plugging my hens. You'd better be st She gave this advice command. And father and left the barrel to tea; and I went to see doing. Rosabel told me again she was 'fairly tickered were settled. But it she was always running Mrs. Howe to say what not do; and I was left going, put down carpet ununpack. But I did a for I was determined to impression in the par sewing society in the youngest boys' running others, by allowing them per on the board-pile, to Rosabel's kitchen. It about her, how quiet, came into possession of our house. She always her stairs, her stove; ar



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