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Newfoundland a Canadian Province.

It is the geographical key of British America, and on that ground alone, forms a part of the Dominion of Canada, and will become the outport of this continent, *via* Marine Railway, Cape Breton, St. George's Bay, St. John's, and over the water to England, during the summer months at least. Newfoundland would have been a part of the Dominion ere this, but for the selfishness of the few, who aim at two classes of people only—the rich and the poor. The middle-man is to be knocked out at all times, and I cannot do better than refer to a witty little Irishman, who, while crossing Conception Bay, from Portugal Cove to Harbor Grace, a few years ago, said, as he lay upon the cabin floor of the steamer, "Och! be jabers, and it was seven kings under the Saxon heptarchy, but here we have twelve merchant kings, who, when they wake in the morning, console themselves with the fact of having twelve thousand slaves apiece." That is the barrier to-day, for a few years ago it was our pleasure to furnish Mr. Merriam, of Pollet River, N. B, with letters of introduction to the then existing Government, in order that he might be able to explore the lumber region on the Exploits River. He was kindly received (a kinder people never lived), but was looked upon as a man who wanted to run away with the country, rather than one who was willing to help develop the resources of the country.

Its vast treasures have been traced to a limited extent by Mr. Murray, geological surveyor, in the service of the Newfoundland Government, and by Professor Bell, of Toronto, who explored the country while we were there, and who told the people of St. John's that there was room for effort in this direction. He was regarded by the *few* as a spy, sent by the Canadian Government, to influence the people of the colony in the wrong direction. Just how Confederation was prevented when some years ago the party then in power determined to stand or fall on the question of Confederation or not, and appealed to the people to settle it, was the work of a few men who had the control of large tracts of land, and who found valuable copper mines, but who determined that no royalty should be paid the Canadian Government. The L. & B. Co. brought over a steamer from Bristol, Eng., and getting ahead of the members of the Government, told the people that "they would be taxed to death, would not be able to buy a fish-hook, that their sons of the sea would be drafted into the service of the British navy, that Canada was to have a large standing army, and many of their dearest and best would be called upon to fight for glory on the great wilds of the North-West," and here *(De Mortuus nil nisi bonum)* let us tell you that in our hearing the mothers were told that "their babes would be torn from their breasts and converted into gun-wadding," and, as you may suppose, it struck terror into the minds of the women, who love their sons as much as any people on earth. Thus you will see that the efforts on the part of the Government were unavailing; and here we would say that the men who at that time staked their position as rulers were among the best and noblest we have been privileged to meet anywhere. The anti-Confederates have no good objections to offer, and so fill their papers with abuse of Canada. The best thing that could happen for the *people* of Newfoundland would be confederation with Canada, and the idea of *able bodied pauperism* would be a thing of the past; that is to say the colony had at one time a floating debt of *four hundred thousand dollars*, brought on by the "ration system" on the part of *all* the members of the House of Assembly.

The ignorance of twenty years ago has been, to part, dispelled, and were I permitted to make a suggestion, would prefer that a deputation from Canada visit the ancient colony and explain the true inwardness of the whole question. I visited the head of Bonavista Bay (over 100 miles in length) some years ago, and saw good wheat and barley, which had been raised there, and as to the root crops, as well as garden fruit, they compared very favorably with what we raise here.

The supply system is the curse of the country, and more than once have we seen the enslaving influences so resulting from the lack of independence on the part of a noble and generous people.

The people are ripe for Confederation, but in thousands of cases dare not say so, fearing the deprivation of their bread and butter, at the hands of the twelve merchant kings.

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—Scientists state that the Asiatic cholera will visit America this year, and that the disease is already on the way. The press of New York is already discussing the question of taking precautions against the introduction of the dreaded scourge.

—The total number of immigrants who arrived in Canada from January 1st to the end of March was 24,404 against 18,874 during the corresponding period of 1887.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

St. John Letter.

ST. JOHN, April 25, 1888:—The event of last week in social and musical circles was the performances of the Gilbert Opera Company in the Institute. It was the first opera of the season and everybody went and passed judgment. The verdict was that there were three or four good actors and singers; the rest of the company were not even second rate. The Mikado is a favorite with St. John and the first night's attendance must have gladdened the hearts and filled the pockets of those financially interested. This opera has been played in St. John by two or three professional companies and one amateur company, yet it would draw again and again. Hundreds of persons had a personal interest in the Chimes of Normandy, the second night's bill, from the fact that a company of St. John amatures had essayed it last year. Comparisons were plentiful and I am afraid rather unfavorable to the professionals, but the judges may have been prejudiced. The prettiest and most taking performance was Boccaccio. Full of bright and lively airs, it thoroughly delighted a crowded house. It was repeated Saturday evening, and Monday night A Bohemian Girl was presented. The announcements show that threatical, musical and literary events abound the next few weeks and if the purses of pleasure seekers hold out as long as their inclination the managers will have no chance to grieve.

President W. H. Thorne and Mr. John McMillan of the Board of Trade are still at Ottawa, pushing St. John's claims for a steamship subsidy to the West Indies. I understand that several gentlemen are only waiting for the consent of the Government to begin operations upon the line at once. Light freight and passenger steamers will be placed on the route at first, but they will be fitted in every way for the transport of fruit and other perishable articles.

The promoters of the Canal and Dock schemes are waking up and if they could manage to carry out all they would like to there would be no lack of bustle and activity around Courtenay Bay next summer.

The laborers of the city are realizing the fact that they are not organized and the union fever is spreading among them. Several meetings have been held and the tradesmen have resolved, in certain quarters, to form some kind of a union which will be of benefit to themselves. The only active unions in the city now are the printers, the ship laborers and the cartmen. The carpenters have organized and the movement has gained an impetus which it is not likely to loose.

Some time ago I made some remarks upon a handsome young clergyman and his troubles. A few days ago he went West for a brief period bearing with him the trousseau of his fiancee. As she has been away from New Brunswick all winter, it looks as if there would be an end to the affair at last.

There are no fewer than eleven base ball clubs organized in the city and Portland. All of them claim to have lots of players and every one under the National claims to be superior. The junior clubs are taking of forming a league and having a championship series of their own. The idea is being encouraged and it may be that in these young and vigorous players a nine may be found to face the Nationals. It is more than probable that the Bell Cigar nine which includes many of the first ball tossers in the two cities, will give the champions all they can do to win. Many regard the result of a series of games between them as doubtful. The Shamrocks are vigorous and numerous and that's all any one knows of them.

The prospects for a busy summer for all classes are good. The Street Railway Company will soon begin work on the remainder of their circuit. Every saw mill and factory is either in opperation or preparing for it and the outlook for the summer of 1888 is far brighter than was that of 1887. SANTA CLAUS.

The Biggest Portable Saw Mill.

About fifteen years ago some enterprising persons, got from Ontario small portable saw mills driven by engines of sixteen to twenty horse power. The whole outfit weighed from three to four tons, and as they could be moved into the woods, set up quickly and saw perhaps 6000 or 8000 feet of spruce deals per day, they were considered wonderful machines. With the increase of railroads and growth of business generally, this industry has grown to be one of great importance to the country, employing an immense force of men and horses during the winter, and bringing a large amount of money into the country.

About ten years ago A. Robb & Sons, of Amherst, N. S., finding the demand for rotary mills increasing, commenced to manufacture them, and later on added to their catalogue of manufactures engines and boilers, so that now they are able to produce at short notice an entire portable outfit. By the introduction of a recent invention, the "Monarch" patent boiler, and the adoption of a new design for connecting portable engines and boilers, they are able to place on wheels a portable motor up to sixty horse power, weighing less than seven tons, which can be moved into the forest and set at work in an incredibly short time. They have recently received a communication from Messrs. T. & A. Wright, of Clementsvale, Annapolis Co., stating that they had cut, with the fifty horse power mill recently supplied them, at the rate of 80,000 feet of spruce boards per day of ten hours, which would be equal to about 45,000 feet of deals. This mill doubtless has the greatest cutting capacity and is one of the heaviest saw mill ever constructed in portable shape.

Pitcher's Castoria.

Death of Matthew Arnold.

Matthew Arnold, poet, scholar and critic, died suddenly at Liverpool, a short time ago, of heart disease. He was born in 1822 and was the son of the late Rev. Thomas Arnold, head master at Rugby. He was private secretary to the late Lord Lansdowne from 1847 to 1857, when he was appointed an inspector of schools. His first volume of poems was published in 1854, and in 1857 he was elected professor of poetry at Oxford. His essays displayed much ability and scholarship and embraced a wide range of topics. In 1869 he was made Doctor of Laws by the University of Edinburgh, and received the same honor from Cambridge in 1883. Matthew Arnold was not a popular man, but he had warm friends and admirers, and his death is a serious loss to the world of letters.

The N. Y. *Independent* speaks of the dead scholar as follows:

Matthew Arnold has filled a large space in English letters. As a nineteenth century poet he was second only to the two great English Nestors. He wrote one of the three or four greatest elegies in the language. There is a classic grace, a quiet peace about his verse that gives it a character peculiarly its own.

But it is not the poet Arnold that the world remembers, altho it would have remembered him long as such had he given it nothing more. He was one of the most exquisite and transparent writers of good prose the language has ever had. He was a master of style, whom it is a constant delight to read for the fitness of his words, the clearness of his thought, and the force of his expression and argument. He had a perfect command on that border line between seriousness and sarcasm which makes a man surpassingly interesting to read, whether you accept his positions or not.

Yet it is not as a stylist, any more than as a poet, that Matthew Arnold will be remembered. He not only knew how to say things with beauty or precision, but he also had something to say; and what he said had to do with the most important subjects with which the human mind can grapple. It might have been expected of him. He was the son of Arnold of Rugby. He was brought up with a very wide-awake school of men, liberal in theology, and rather conservative in politics, of whom Dean Stanley is the type. They were men who had opinions, and were not very much afraid of shocking the world.

A New Enterprise.

A company in which several of the leading men of Amherst are interested has been formed under the name of the "Canadian Electric Company," for the manufacture and supply of all kinds of electrical goods and instruments, as telegraph and telephone supplies and instruments, medical batteries, electric bells and annunciators, school and college apparatus, batteries and all the various appliances which go to make up a complete line of electrical supplies. They will manufacture directly from the raw material all their goods, with the exception of a few well-known specialties, for which they have secured the agency. The active management will be in the hands of Mr. D. M. Bliss, as supt. and electrician, and Mr. Wm. C. Casey, mechanical supt. and consulting electrician. The machine shop and office will be located for the present in the new wing of Mr. Holmes' factory, and power will be obtained from the Electric Light Co.'s station, a few feet distant. First-class machinery and a full stock of materials have been ordered, and work will be commenced by the first of next month, on orders already secured. With a good field, skilled labor and ample facilities for manufacturing everything in their line, the company propose to push the business to its utmost.

—One of the largest cheese vats ever made in Canada has been sent to the Mount Elgin Cheese Co. It will hold 900 gallons or 9,000 pounds of milk, and is made of very heavy timber, the frame of oak and the planking of pine lined with galvanized iron.

—A company has been organized at Jacksonville, Fla., to develop the silk industry of that state on an extensive scale. Three hundred acres, near the city, are to be laid out in mulberry trees

—James Macey, convicted of blowing up with dynamite the house of Israel Evans, License Inspector at Chatham, Ontario, has been sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

—Wood pulp is rapidly being substituted for plaster of Paris in the manufacture of all kinds of building ornaments in France, where a new method has been devised.

—Application was recently made to the City Council of Winnipeg, for payment of a bonus on fourteen wolves which had strayed within the city limits and been killed there.

—Mr. A.W. Archibald, Melrose, N. S., writes: "I find SIMSON'S LINIMENT the best selling Liniment I have ever had in my store. Everybody seems to want it, and the demand has quadrupled itself within the last year. I have used it myself and know it to be an article of merit." Mr. W. H. McDonell, Sherbrooke, says: "Send me another gross Simson's Liniment, it sells first rate."

Only the Plumber.

(Cincinnati Times-Star.)

An arbitrary call from a box on West Eighth-street brought a patrol wagon dashing into that quiet, respectable neighborhood the other day. It stopped before the residence of Mr. Thomas Edwards. A lacerated and bleeding human being, in the garb of a workingman, was carried forth and the patrol drove away.

The story in connection with this event shows how the fates, usually so kind to the plumbers, for once turned against them, and in turning made up for lost time. It also shows why Mr. Thomas Edwards was blacklisted by the Plumbers' Protective Association, and will mend his own water and gas pipes this winter.

After Mr. Edwards had gone to his business the other morning, his wife discovered that one of the water pipes leading to the bath-tub had sprung a leak. She went up town and returned shortly with a plumber. This gentleman she led up to the bath-room, explained the difficulty, and left, going to call on a neighbor. The only other occupant of the house was a stout, strapping servant girl, who knew nothing of the leak or the man who had come to fix it.

The only way of getting at the leak was through a long, narrow, but rather deep closet in the woodwork which surrounded the bath-tub. Into this closet the plumber crawled with difficulty, until nothing but his feet remained on the outside.

The servant chanced to stroll into the bath-room, singing a merry ditty. At the sight of the protruding feet she stopped short and gave vent to a light scream. The thought flashed through her head that it was a burglar. Going into the next room she seized the first weapon which came to her hand, and which happened to be a poker. Returning she began to bastinado the unhappy plumber. Deep groans and curses rising from the dark recess showed that her attack was producing its effect.

The man began to crawl out of his narrow prison. But he was coming out backward, and the rain of blows which fell on his legs and back as they successively emerged into view did not tend to help him. As each inch of his body appeared it was beaten and pounded by the strong armed woman. The agonized expressions which fell from his lips did not cause her to withhold her arm. Slowly he came, and when his head finally appeared, and he received a stinging blow over the ear, he staggered to his feet, a man broken both in body and in spirit.

There he saw the irate woman facing him with murder in her eye and an uplifted poker in her hand. He did not stop for explanations, but with a yell of pain and terror he dashed out of the room.

He gained on his pursuer at every bound, for terror lent wings to his feet. The back staircase came into view, and down this he went on a dead lope.

At the foot of the stairway was a door, which he fondly hoped opened into the outer air, and would free him from his maniac pursuer. He dragged it open and dashed into a dark hole—fully as dark as the closet from which he had come. His feet pressed the empty air a few times and then he rolled headlong down the cellar stairs and landed on the floor with a bang.

Mr. Edwards was just returning home to lunch. As he opened the front door he heard the noise in the rear of the house. Rushing back he was barely in time to see a strange man plunge into the cellar. He paused in the cellar door and was on the point of descending when the servant arrived. Seeing a man standing there she thought it was he of the bath-room closet, and raising the poker on high she brought it down with a swinging bang on the medulla oblongata of her employer. He debated no longer about going into the cellar, but with a Comanche war whoop leaped and then fell tumbling, finally sprawling out on the breathless body of the luckless plumber.

"Murder! Police! Thieves!" yelled Edwards, from the depths of the cellar.

"Is it police ye want? Oh, I'll git 'em fur ye soon enough," screamed the servant.

"Is that you Maggie? Somebody has tried to kill me. Go call the police."

"Who is it?"

"It is I—Mr. Edwards."

Then Maggie ran for the police and Edwards picked himself up. He climbed the stairs at a more dignified pace than he had come down, and, finding he had a cut in his forehead, bound it up. The patrol came, and Mr. Edwards watched it drive away with a large white rag tied around the top of his head, and a smile of intense satisfaction illuminating his features.

Presently Mrs. Edwards arrived upon the scene of the late desperate conflict, and into her ears the husband poured his part of the story. Then Maggie told hers, and as she told, Mrs. Edward's face got longer and longer, until she faltered out:

"Why, Maggie, that must have been the plumber I hired to fix the water pipes."

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