

TWO PICTURES.

This is what the great Edmund Burke says of the duty of a Representative. We want Mr. Snowball and his friends to read it:—"It is the duty of your parliamentary representative to sacrifice his repose and his pleasures to yours, and above all, to PREFER IN ALL CASES YOUR INTEREST TO HIS OWN."

ICHABOD.

Poor Mr. Snowball has but too good, and too many, reasons for believing now that his political days are numbered. The many scores of men he induced to vote for him by offering them offices, he knows he has lost—the men who foolishly fancied the Do-nothing Government would be sustained, and who voted for Mr. Snowball on that account, he knows likewise he has lost—and then the larger, the incomparably larger, body whom he has disgusted by breaking his most solemn pledges, and running off to England just after the House opened, he knows nothing can induce to make believe in his promises, or integrity again. Mr. Snowball does not know very much outside of his knowledge of the business in which he is engaged, but he does know if he were weighed in the balance of this country to-morrow, he would be found, sadly, and badly wanting.

This is why he has been compelled late to resort to the ridiculous device of trying to breed discontent in the Conservative ranks of the county. If he hopes to do this, we assure him he has allowed his hopes to grossly deceive him. When the dawning of the campaign of 1883 arrives, the Conservatives of this county will not be found either sleeping or divided. Newcastle will join with Chatham, and the county will assist both, to put an end to a regime which has made Northumberland the laughing stock of the Province.

There are two large and important towns, as our readers ought to know, in this county. One of these is Newcastle—the other is Chatham. In each town is a large body of Conservatives, and in each no small body of Conservative interests. This is why there is a newspaper in each now, and this is why a newspaper will be maintained in each. The interests of the Conservative party in Newcastle, as the centre of an extensive, and important field, are well and ably defended, if not decidedly promoted by the Union Advocate, a newspaper that ranks among one of the solid and respectable institutions of the Province. In Chatham there is likewise a wide and important field for the usefulness of the other Conservative paper, our own STAR, and we must leave time and respite to say how we turned the opportunities afforded us to account. The ground is not any too narrow for two Conservative papers, nor the interests involved any too trifling, and it shall always be the aim of the STAR to assist its older, and more experienced brother the Advocate, in defending and promoting the Conservative interests in this county. We are proud to have the Advocate to look up to, nor do we think the Advocate grudges the Star the warm and generous support it is getting in Chatham and Newcastle; for it knows that those who are assisting the Star are warm friends and admirers of its own, and in assisting us, they are only assisting the cause, with which the Advocate is so closely, and so creditably identified.

The effort therefore of Mr. Snowball to divide our party, by trying to engender ill-will between the Star and the Advocate, was miserably fail, and make the wiseman who attempted such an absurdity appear in the end only supremely ridiculous.

MORE NEGLECT.

Somebody has now and again to say a word for the interests of our County, since the delightful person that the people sent to represent them in 1878 will not. Perhaps the proper way would be to let the county grin and bear the obloquy it has brought upon itself; and but that so many innocent ones would suffer with the guilty, we should not bother our head about oyster culture or anything else that the Government ought to look after.

A large grant of money was made to Mr. Pope, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, last winter, to be expended on "oyster beds." We have some little, but extensive oyster beds in this county, but Mr. Pope knows nothing about them, for when the question came up towards the close of parliament, a member sat like a dove, and never opened his mouth to say our County had oyster beds, and that they needed the expenditure of money to replenish and perpetuate them. The consequence is, that so

far, it is not the intention of the Department to spend a dollar on the oyster beds of our County; though we are entitled to \$2,000 or \$3,000 at the very least. Though Mr. Snowball is in opposition, and not much force on whatever side, had he pointed out that our oyster beds were being rapidly depleted, and required replenishing and care, the government would hardly have cared to ignore his representation. For all the purposes of a representative, we might as well have a stick of O'awaas Mr. Snowball. It is any wonder the county has turned against him, and that no one save a few henchmen can be found to defend his cause, or say a word in his favor? If it is not too late now, we would call Mr. Pope's attention to our oyster beds. They are extensive and they are fertile. But constant draughts have depleted large areas of them. Some of the most fertile portions have been almost exhausted of fish, and those parts remaining will soon be in the same condition. Our oyster fishery is very important, and gives employment to a good many of our people. It is the duty of the government then, to protect and perpetuate it. We proposed some time ago that the oyster beds ought to be laid out in blocks, and every alternative block be stocked and protected for say five years; at the end of the five years to stock and protect for another five years, the blocks fished on for the past five. This would perpetuate the fish, while it would cause no privation to the fishermen.

In the old world there are numerous artificial oyster beds. The London markets are supplied to a great extent from the artificial beds at Whitstable, Rochester, Colchester, Burnham, Faversham, &c. Though oysters abound around almost the entire Irish coast, those brought from Barraun Bank in Galway, an artificial bed, are the most eagerly sought. An artificial oyster bed is a cavity or reservoir which communicates with the sea by means of a canal, and in such a manner that the water may be kept in or let out at low tides by means of locks or traps. These beds are supplied by dredgers in the month of May when the oyster casts its spawn or spat. The dredger proceeds to the natural bed, he draws a large rake or scraper on which is fastened a bag of sail cloth, leather, or net work, which is dragged along the bottom by the boat in full sail. When the bag is brought to the surface it is found to contain pieces of wood, stone and shells, known as culch, to which the spat has adhered. The dredger then gently separates the culch from the culch overboard to serve the same purpose again, and carries his gleanings and deposits them in the artificial bed. In five years the oyster will have become full grown oysters.

AN ORATOR RUN MAD.

The friends of Mr. Blake, are as much astounded as his opponents at the mad speeches the new leader has recently made. The public read his figures and his statements made at Montreal and elsewhere recently; read them over again, then

"there was silence deep as death. And the boldest held his breath for a time," waiting for the next witness to speak. Like a thunder bolt the testimony of that "witness" came—Senator Macpherson sprung his clear and irresistible letter upon the public. He has said nothing that he cannot prove from the "blue books," and what he says shows Mr. Blake to be a traducer of the Government, a perverter of facts, a mis-stater of figures.

Mr. Blake's stated, and brazenly, and openly, and repeatedly stated, that the controllable expenditure has increased under the present Government. This is untrue, and Senator Macpherson conclusively shows it to be untrue, from the official returns. The controllable expenditure instead of increasing, has as a matter of fact, and official figures decreased under the present Government. We commend our extract from Senator Macpherson's letter to our readers. It is on our first page.

It is not worth while to follow Mr. Blake, or to refute his statements. He is doing his best to himself, his opponents and the public. He is wearing out his own party and his own health, and trembling every time he opens his mouth, lest he may say something and in his own mind, for as the heart of their party, they are responsible for what he says. His politics of Cloudland are one thing, and the politics of actual practice are quite another. Mr. Blake has been dreaming over the federation of the empire, and it is ever said he goes a step beyond that now, talking his new theory of "unity" and "solidarity" of journalists and other politicians.

There has been a fire in Woodstock and it burnt \$4,000 worth of property on Mr. Sharp the orchard farmer.

—as if ever there was "wind" that didn't "blow." Mr. Blake attacked the N. P. in Montreal, because it had our sugar dear. He spoke of the "refiner" and added, "I will not say 'refiners' yet as you have only one." He pretended then to speak to the public of the Dominion, and he is so very well versed in the affairs of this lower world that he could not say "refiners yet," though we have beside the Montreal refinery, One in Moncton, One in Halifax, One (under way) in Sussex.

He spoke of the "sugar taxes" too, but he forgets that the present tariff has actually cheapened sugar; while two million dollars less have been paid to American refiners in one year, than in the last year of the Mackenzie regime, though the gross quantity of sugar consumed was greater. Without adding any taxation, the "sugar monopoly" has simply enriched the Dominion by nearly three millions of dollars.

It is not a little strange, though after all perhaps not so very strange, that the Toronto Globe so far has not accepted Senator Macpherson's challenge, or tried to prove that Mr. Blake's late statements are not a tissue of wild, and reckless untruths. The Mail asks why the silence? Then it adds:—"Of course it may be that some process of incubation is going on, and that the opposition which will chip it shall in due course, but up to this moment there has been no sign of vitality. Why? The speaker of the Senate charged the opposition leader with other ignorances of fact or deliberate misrepresentation, yet the organ remains mute. Why? Simply, we answer, because facts are stubborn things.

Another Change. Mr. Willis, M. P. P. and editor of the evening News has again shed his coat. When the Local Legislature was in session last winter, Mr. A. G. Blair moved a Want of Confidence resolution, and at the same time announced the platform of the Opposition. Mr. Willis published this platform for a fortnight, in great awkward Small Pica type, on his editorial page. One of the planks in this "platform" was the abolition of the Legislative Council. Mr. Willis supported the motion, and the platform most inveterately, both in the Legislature and in the News.

Thursday News comes to us, and the wind has changed. Its leading editorial is an enthusiastic defence of the Legislative Council and it takes the assertions of Mr. Jones,—who is by far the ablest Lord in the Chamber,—as proof that Ontario gains nothing by having no Upper Chamber, and that New Brunswick would be nothing the better for abolishing hers. Mr. Willis must be held in high esteem by all those who respect fixed principles.

Some evenings ago the writer walked down the streets—or what the inhabitants call "streets"—of our little town, and he was informed of the Miramichi Valley Railroad was going to be built "right away." He was agreeably astounded and thought, "what enterprising men there are here to be sure!" Every man who could at all afford it, was going to "take stock"—Mr. Snowball, and Senator Mulrhead, and dear old ones who else were going to "sink politics out of sight," and assist in building the road. Parties in Montreal, and a "whole lot of parties" in New Brunswick, were going to "take hold of it"—and the writer fancied himself a year hence sitting in a railway car, thundering up the valley of the Miramichi, and down past the sailing hamlets of the Nashtwaak.

Yesterday afternoon the writer was again "down town" and mentioned the Miramichi Railway matter. The people seemed not to understand him. But when they did, "O yes, the Miramichi Valley Railway—that would be a good thing, if it was built." But they had done nothing, after all the fine speaking, and all the high flights of fancy; not even a postal card had gone forth from Chatham on the subject. They simply had "forgotten altogether about it."

—Missouri has a fivelegged mule." Exchange. The more a mule is developed the greater seems to be his facilities for kicking. The only colored Attorney in the Province is one Baker, and he was examined at Fredericton last week, and will be sworn in in June. The funds of the Duchesse of Marlborough are now only £3,400. Sir John is again reported very ill.

EDITORIAL CLEANINGS. LOGS ON SAINT JOHN RIVER. Five million feet of logs have been already rafted at the Douglas boom. The spring was very favourable to the lumbermen on the St. John who owned the logs which came down the river late last autumn. Some of these were rafted just as the river froze up, and had the ice gone out in a body instead of thawing out slowly as it did, these would have gone to sea. The snow on the Aroostook is very high, on the East side of the St. John it is much deeper. There may therefore, be hard driving on the West side of the St. John, and it is not unlikely that many of the logs in the small brooks may "hang up."

HEMLOCK. A party in St. John has contracted for 600,000 sup. ft. of hemlock deals from the Pokok at \$6 per M. feet. As these will have to be put in the water, and run down the river 40 miles to Fredericton, they will not exhibit so good an appearance as if the logs had been sawn in Fredericton and the deals stacked and dried for a short time, which always improve the character of hemlock deals. There is no wood which is more improved in quality by drying than hemlock and there is none which seasons quicker as it is very porous. Some hemlock logs have been put into the Schoediac during the past winter which were cut and peeled 5 years ago.

CRANBERRY CULTURE. We have frequently called attention to the excellent opportunities that exist in various parts of the Province for cranberry culture. In the United States the cultivation of the cranberry is carried on extensively and with much profit. Why do not some of our people who own, or can lease marsh or bog lands, make the trial? We find the following in the Maple Leaf on the subject:—"A practical soil is required for the successful raising of this berry—a sort of bog that is not likely to be affected by a flood of salt water. Plenty of this kind soil is found at Germanown Lake, and we hope to hear of some party purchasing a large number of acres there and utilizing them for this purpose. The land is almost useless otherwise, as the cost of filling it to raise good hay would be more than the profits secured from the sales of many years after it had been so fitted.

Our attention was first directed to this business by a statement in the Fredericton "Star," of June 10th, 1880, in which reference was made to an association of Nova Scotians making application to the Government for the purchase of a tract of bog in this Province, and attention was called to the acres of marsh between Moncton and Bathurst as a good purchase."

CRIMINAL LABEL. Wednesday morning the high constable of Montreal arrested Mr. Gagnon, M. P. P., managing editor of the Electeur newspaper, on a criminal information of libel laid by Mr. L. A. Senecal, manager of the Q. M., O., and O. Railway. The action arises out of an article in L'Electeur charging that the administration of the provincial railway is a cave of forty thieves, of which Mr. Senecal is the boss. Another civil action of libel claiming \$100,000 damages is also said to have been taken by Mr. Senecal for the same article. Mr. Gagnon was brought before Judge Osbourne, and gave bail to appear in Montreal on the 7th of May next.

A CANARD. The statement that went the rounds of the press lately to the effect that the Pope had received a letter from the Nihilists condemning him to death was merely an April fool canard published in Florence.

New Advertisements. CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE. The undersigned would respectfully inform the residents of Chatham and vicinity, that they have entered into a Co-Partnership under the name and style of Messrs. J. Y. MERSEBAU, E. H. THOMSON, J. E. THOMSON, for the purpose of carrying on a Picture Framing and Photographic business. J. Y. MERSEBAU, E. H. THOMSON, Chatham, N. B., April 28, 1881.

PHOTOGRAPHIC. In reference to the above we would say that we have bought out the Photographic business lately conducted by Mr. J. P. Stevens, in the Studio on Duke street nearly opposite the Canada House, where we are prepared to take Photographs and Tintypes, at the lowest rates. PICTURE FRAMING. We keep constantly on hand a large supply of Picture Frames & Mouldings, and are prepared to make up any style of Frames to order, at prices that defy competition. Don't forget the place, nearly opposite the Canada House, D. de la street. MERSEBAU & THOMSON, PHOTOGRAPHERS.

SEWING MACHINES. I respectfully inform my friends and patients that I have by no means given up handling the celebrated WAZNER SEWING MACHINES and may be found at the Studio above named where all orders shall receive prompt attention. Repairing attended to as usual. J. Y. MERSEBAU, Chatham, April 30, '81. Sun.

JOHN HAVILAND, Harness and Collar Maker, would announce to his former customers and the public, that he may be found at his old stand, opposite the Masonic Hall, where he is prepared to manufacture Harness of every description. Collar Making. Having a practical experience of this branch of the Trade for THIRTY-THREE YEARS, he is prepared to turn out COLLARS which cannot be excelled in the Dominion. The most difficult horse satisfactorily fitted. Chatham, April 29th, 1881—3m

TO LET. The Shop adjoining the Residence of Mrs. James Maher. For further particulars apply on the premises. Chatham N.B. April 30, 1881—6i

NOTICE To Bridge Builders! To be Sold by Public Sale, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May next, the Building of a Bridge, across Barabaz river, the Lunenburg I. O. St.; sale to take place at 2 o'clock p.m. on the site of proposed bridge. Plans and specifications can be seen a few days previous to the date of the sale, at the residence of the subscriber, and on the ground the day of sale. THOMAS DOOLAN, Commissioner. Nelson, April 30, 1881. if

WANTED. The subscribers have entered into Partnership as Solicitors, Attorneys, Notaries etc., under the style of a firm and Davidson. OFFICES—in Chatham in the old post office, and Newcastle on the store of J. W. Davidson. ALLAN A. DAVIDSON, Q. C., ALLAN A. DAVIDSON, JR. Chatham April 30 1881—17r

VALUABLE FREEHOLD Lower Water Street, FOR SALE. If not disposed of previous to the 14th MAY NEXT, it will that day be offered at Public Auction at 12 noon at the Premises. The House is two Stories, with a Store on the lower flat, suitable for any general business and commanding the East end Trade, Factor and Dining Room, with other conveniences are also on this flat. Above stairs there is also a parlor with bedrooms occupying that flat. In the rear of the House is a barn, and other conveniences, a Well of water is also on the premises; the whole Block measures 50 by 100 ft. The situation is pleasant, facing the river, and worth Investors' inspection. Terms half Purchase money down at sale, Balance in equal instalments payable in six years with interest. Further particulars on application to JAMES DUNSMUIR, D. O. or Mr. W. W. YSK, Auctioneer.

AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE. I am authorized by William Watt Esq. to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 5th day of May next at 11 am on the premises, His Store and Wharf Property. This property is well and favorably known by people living in the vicinity, and for the information of those living at a distance, would say that it is one of the best stands for "General Business" in this Locality, and universally adapted for prosecuting a shipping business. Having a Store, an extensive Wharf, Carbohouses and other buildings thereon. This Property will be sold without reserve as Mr. Watt is closing up his business. For further particulars and Terms apply at Mr. Watt's office. C. C. WATF, Newcastle April 26 '81. 14 Auctioneer

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TO LET. The House and premises situate on Henderson street and formerly occupied by A. S. McPherson, and now occupied by J. W. Davidson, are offered for lease or purchase. The house is a two-story building, with a well of water, and a large garden. The premises are well situated for business or residence. For particulars apply to J. W. Davidson, Chatham, N. B., 1001.

LOCAL MATTER NOTICE. The public are hereby against paying subscription amounts for advertisement person on behalf of the STA said person hold written from me to collect and receive same. J. E. COLLINS, Ed.

Logs. Six rafts of new logs came Chatham the past two days. quantity of logs have already the South West Boom. Wild Ducks. There is some rare sport on North and South West. On the Mr. Fairly of Newcastle shot near the "Tackle" N. W. Bridge Building Notes. Councilor Robinson of Dept. up a slightly new residence at 130x40 feet, with 24x30 feet. Coun. Saunders will erect factory in Nelson the coming. The building will be 22x30 feet.

Accidents. Mr. James Curran, who was shingling on the Maitland mill the Saturday, and badly hurt his ankle. James Murphy and Ronald belonging to up river were on Rensou the other day. The water, and Murphy was the strong current under the companion was barely in time him. Robbing the Fredericton Post-Office. Monday night some party entered the Fredericton Post Office bank window, took all the money in the drawers, and all letters in the boxes. We wish this old robbery has not been fore; and it is simply disgraceful the part of the government to the new office so long in slings satisfied the breaking in is in result of local official heedlessness there is not in the Province watchful and creditable officer Postmaster Mr. Peske.

The Bathurst Church. The Catholics of Bathurst energetic pastor Rev. Father have commenced the erection to replace the one burnt autumn. Mr. McGinnely of the contract for framing the building is already well advanced with Mr. McGinnely was in Chatham week and hired 14 mechanics work on the building. The materials will be 66x110 feet. Mr. O. the superintended. A Distinction and a Difference. Either the transcriber of the Rev. Dr. Jardine, or the made a mistake in the address. "We have always found and affectionate and are as the principle which inwardly, you was love for Christ, and men."

Honors for a Chatham Boy. Last fall Master Thomas M. Mr. Roberts school, and entered College, Kingston. News he received that he comes off to the prize for poetry. There other competitors for the prize himself, some of them much was, drawn from all the classes. Marquis is only a Freshman. of the poem is Naucama. Many of our readers will remember the daughter of Alcimus, the the P. M. Cassan. In the water Ulysses took reckless king upon her fathers coast. The success bestowed every care stranger, and in after years the son of the regal wanderer. contains over a hundred lines examined by an able faculty at was Professor Grant. It is a flattering to Mr. Roberts of School, that his copy is the poet so well. The spirit of contagious, nor can one best another, though he wish his well—for poeta nascitur but the poetic germ may often die unless some kindly hand nurture and development. able aid Mr. Marquis has preceptor, our own gifted of Mr. Roberts. We congratulate friends of Mr. Marquis on success.

The Steamers. The "New Era" has been overhauled and repaired, and summer work Monday in expedition. Strong attempts were made and Friday to get the tug "Messrs. Ritchie's beach; but to go. She will likely be gone evening. Neither the Chatham nor other boats have commenced yet. "Why" would not question. Now, in Fredericton, they after the ice thus out to go through the ice from the to chop the ice from the the whole public business of boats to be entirely out of Trout. The ever get it mainly. Collector of Customs at N. B. B. Hadden, and the