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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 9, 1872.

St. John, the Seat of Government.

The following argument, in favor of the removal of the Seat of Government to St. John, is from the pen of a Special Contributor.

An old dilapidated two story wooden building, with a moderately sized hall to the right of the main entrance, and daylight faintly struggling through the small panes of glass with the four windows which light up the Assembly hall are filled, a narrow, winding, rickety stairs leading to the hall of the Legislative Council room up stairs, through a dark ante-room; a tortuous crooked hall leading to the Legislative Library of the Province, and we have the building in which the forty one representatives of the people of New Brunswick, and the members of the Executive Council meet to enact laws and to discuss the revenues.

It has been generally admitted that this decayed wooden structure is unhealthy; that the Province and the people require new buildings, and that some thousands of dollars worth of valuable books in the Legislative Library are in danger of being destroyed by fire. Whiles resolution for a committee to enquire into the cost of new buildings for the Legislature was unanimously snuffed on this session, as it was alleged that until the question of a Union of the Maritime Provinces is disposed of; and the growing feeling of many of the members, and it may be safely said a majority of them, is that such a Union does not take place the new building for the House of Assembly should be erected in St. John. The great subject of dispute between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, should a Maritime Union be mooted, would be the seat of Government. It is believed by many that this alone will prevent a Union at present, and that the entire isolated geographical situation of that Province. That subject out of the road the question of new Legislative buildings for New Brunswick comes up again with renewed vigor, and whether it be St. John or Fredericton this work will have to be commenced and that quickly. And now for the reasons why St. John should be preferred to Fredericton: It is the political, financial, social and moral center of New Brunswick; the railways from all points converge here; it is only a distance of twenty miles by rail greater to St. John than Fredericton for the ship-travelers members of the Charlotte County members, with the Kent, Westmorland, Albert and King's members have to travel a distance of sixty three miles to reach Fredericton after arriving in St. John. When the Intercolonial is finished the members from the North Shore Counties will come to Saint John before they get to Fredericton. That the members from York are afraid of this movement is quite evident by the excitement into which they work themselves whenever the matter is brought up, as the moment a York County member favored such a thing his political doom would be sealed, though Mr. Halsey to make the full center appears to be prepared to support a Maritime Union which would secure the speedy removal of this Seat of Government from Fredericton to some other place. What has induced Mr. Halsey to this new departure? It is difficult to conceive, as it will not bring him into much favor in York. The ancient glory of Fredericton with its military bands, its regiments of soldiers, and its 1600 barracks once on a time gave an air of importance to the place, with which it now suffers by comparison. Deserted streets, empty buildings, a general air of business languor, huge vistas of snow and an absence of daily papers, and connections with the business world are not calculated to inspire that vigor into Legislative business which the management of nine million of acres of land and a yearly expenditure of half a million of money require. The development of new lines of railway and the contemplated change in the management of the public lands require that the representatives of the people should be in direct communication with the leading capitalists and business men of the country. Now much valuable time is spent during the Session by the absence of members attending to important business in St. John. If the Province of Nova Scotia should select Pictou or any other town in the Province it would not look more unreasonable than New Brunswick selecting Fredericton. Because, in the days of snow shoes, horse back mail carriers, and sailing ships to carry mails from England, Fredericton was chosen as the seat of government, it does not follow that such a grievous mistake should not be remedied, now that a good opportunity offers to rectify it. One of the Fredericton weeklies, as if forecasting the removal, says that a good factory employing two or three hundred operatives would be of more benefit to the City than the House of Assembly. It is true that the good sense of its readers in York will assent to the views of that journal, and through their representatives aid to a work which will be a great benefit to the Province. It is true that the numerous body of individuals who are in the different offices would object, but at most of them are advanced in years they are now in a better position to be superannuated than a few years hence when new men will be in their places who would form connections that would not be so convenient for them. A new building, to cost two hundred thousand dollars, would be a benefit to this city and feasible

A Cruise to Windward.

EXTRACTS FROM J. N. W.'S JOURNAL, KEPT WHILE ON VOYAGE IN 1862.

The British flag was gracefully floating over the dark sea off Port Charlotte, one breezy morning as we quietly glided from the harbour of Nassau, bound for a trading voyage to Turk's Islands, and other small sea ports lying in our track. Our craft was a splendid specimen of a Bahama wrecker, of schooner-rig and clipper-like appearance. Her tall, tapering spars and a spray race that bespoke for her some what the character of

THE SPECTER MOSQUITOES had been plentifully. At this place we sought to get underway, and with a glorious breeze blew on towards the Bahamas and made a call at Run Cay, where we took on board several passengers, and four days after this we passed Cat Island, or better known abroad as St. Salvador. We were told that Columbus first saw it in 1492. It is the most valuable fruit growing Island in the Bahamas, and exports Pine Apples and Guavas to the United States. Some of the fruit among these Islands are of delicious flavor, among which is the Water Melon, Banana, Sugar Apple, Sappachill, and Guava. I have repeatedly seen a bunch of Bananas weigh over a hundred weight.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

AN ARMYMAN'S GRIEVOUS ADVICE, by Adeline Trafton. See Supplement Boston.

A pleasant, gossip narrative of two courageous and not very well informed American girls who experienced in England, Belgium, France and on the Rhine. One object of the book is to show how well young lady travellers may get along in Europe without the protection of that sadly over-estimated creature—a man. The blunders of the writer are charming, her quaint Americanisms and naïve bits of information give much richness to her descriptions; while her "wraps" and "Yankee shoes" afford a never failing subject for remark. A picture of Clatsop's adventures and her ineffectual endeavours to "locate" a soprano voice in church causes her pain. The book contains nothing new or brilliant; but affords much entertaining reading. The entire absence of "Marrs" is a soporific voice in church causes her pain. The book contains nothing new or brilliant; but affords much entertaining reading. The entire absence of "Marrs" is a soporific voice in church causes her pain.

LOCALS.

A Second Edition of this paper will be issued at five o'clock, containing full Election Returns.

Steamer for St. John. The steamer M. A. Starr left Halifax for this port to-day, and will touch at Yarmouth and other ports on the Nova Scotia coast.

Y. K. O. A. This body have a social meeting at their Hall this evening. Admission free. Common Council.

There will be a meeting of the Common Council this evening at half-past 7 o'clock at the Council Chamber.

Devlin Church Readings. Mr. Boyd gave one of his pleasant and attractive readings in the basement of Calvin Church last night. It was numerously attended.

Cathedral Choir Concert. The Cathedral Choir Concert of Saint John gave a concert of sacred and secular music in the City Hall, Fredericton, last evening, assisted by Fredericton performers, in aid of the "St. Dunstan's Temperance Society."

Temperance Lecture To-night. R. B. Weldon, Esq., delivers the closing lecture of the successful course of weekly meetings, that have been given in the City Hall during the winter. As there will be a good many faithful examples around this evening, after the election, they should be captured and held up as a warning to the audience.

Penitents for the New League Hall. Fifty feet of names went to Fredericton yesterday in favor of the new league hall before the Legislature. In addition to the names already gone, and those to go, the onset on the liquor men is the strongest yet.

Bad Complaint. The Charlottetown Herald says they have in the direction of their legislative affairs "a moving mass of patridy, and corruption, which must be thrust out."

Halifax is also agitating for a restrictive liquor law. The Chronicle says they have too many licensed taverns there.

Minister Performances. The new minister troupe denominated out of compliment to the prevailing popular weather, the "Northern Star Minstrels," gave the first of their performances in the Institute last evening. The troupe is native though the names are foreign. Jerry, Frank Lewis, John Johnson and W. H. Gibbon who is an old cuss, apparently, as during the performance, his wig came off revealing a bald pate, and Professor Madigan being the principal performer. The first part consisted of ballad singing. The second part, melo-drama, and burlesque was only mediocre, for real simple burlesque they should have made a mad on the House of Assembly and the Hon. Mr. Duffin. Their forte in that line is unequalled. They perform again to-night. Skating Carnival at Fredericton. To-night the enterprising and obliging directors of the Skating Rink will give another Carnival at Fredericton. The one given in the early part of the winter was successful in point of get up, and though the managers were not numerous, it was pleasant to the large number of promoters. These certificates were issued in respect to the amount of the number of promoters. The certificates were issued in respect to the amount of the number of promoters.

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