

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

Already there are manifest signs of un-
easiness in the conservative press as to
what the future policy of the leaders will
be. They seem to have lost sight of their
guiding star, and to be becalmed and be-
fogged. According to the tenor of their oracles
they are slowly drifting with the tide
waiting for some favoring wind to fill
their sails; one again sees them drifting
upon the rocks of the liberal tariff
reform; another warns them to beware of
the quicksands toward which they seem to
be driven; while yet another advises
them to get out again into the open sea of
protection, before destruction overtakes
them. As a contemporary says: The
Montreal Star and its satellites are
growing extremely anxious over the
situation. These papers have no regard
for principle or consistency. They are
more anxious to keep the Tories in power
than they are to have the tariff reformed.
They are not run by descendants of the
man who said he would rather be right
than be president; and consequently we
find them hysterically calling upon Mr.
Foster and his colleagues to save the party
from defeat by sacrificing its policy. The
Star seems to know the leaders of its
party thoroughly. It was no time in
making appeals to their sense of right
and justice, but tells the ministers that it
is necessary to reduce the tariff if defeat
at the polls is to be avoided. The Star
appears to be well aware that the Tory
leaders are quite willing that the consum-
ing class of the dominion shall be robbed
by combiners of the Drummond and
Gault type provided such robbery does
not put their offices in peril. It quotes
the statements made by George C. Gib-
bons, of London, to the Free Press with
the view of warning the conservative
leaders that the reformer's business, and
that the ministers in question change their
policy or run the risk of being thrashed
at the polls. What a high opinion the
Star has of its party's leaders. It appar-
ently thinks them an unprincipled lot
of men who are willing to swallow their
utances in favor of protection, abandon
their convictions; sacrifice their friends
and adopt free trade, all for the sake of
office. Have the conservative leaders
really sunk so low as the Star indicates?
Have they neither principles nor con-
victions? Is it true that they are in-
duced to do right unless convinced that
perdition in palpable wrongdoings means
expulsion from office? Fancy an English
liberal paper calling upon Mr. Gladstone
to abandon his home rule policy to save
his party from defeat.

In their speeches in parliament and
on the stump the conservative leaders
have declared again and again that a
reduction of the tariff would "ruin Canada's
industries" make our country "a slaughter
market" for American and English
manufacturers; surrender the Canadian
market to outsiders, and impoverish the
country. Yet they are now called upon
by some of their over zealous organs to
invoke all these calamities for the sake of
keeping themselves in office!

If the policy of protection is con-
sidered sound and just by the Canadian
conservative leaders they ought not to
abandon it because there is a popular
outcry against it. But the Star appears to
have satisfied itself that the Thompson
cabinet is composed of a really lot of
time-servers who will do anything rather
than abandon control of the public
treasury; and as it wants these men to
remain in office, and fears their adherence
to McKimley may cause their expul-
sion, it tries to coerce them to take a new
course by means of a "scare." So much
for the honesty and sincerity of those
Tory organs which are urging the govern-
ment to make an effort to humbug the
people by petty and inconsequential tariff
changes. These papers do not oppose the
policy of protection because it restricts
trade, burdens industry and enables monopolists
to plunder the people; but because its
maintenance is likely to imperil the
chances of the Tory party at the next
election. If the farmers, lumbermen,
fishermen and other consuming classes
would only consent to be robbed for the
benefit of the Gaults, the Drummonds and
the Massys, the Star would be supremely
happy. But as the Canadian people re-
fuse to be plundered or humbugged, it
thinks the Tory party should abandon its
policy and try something new. Possibly
the man who abandoned the prohibition
platform for a seat in a cabinet controlled
by a whiskey ring would be quite willing
to follow the counsel of his Montreal
organ did he not know that a betrayal
of the interests of the combiners at the
present juncture would mean the annihi-
lation of himself and his party. The
men who are honestly demanding tariff
reform are not going to be satisfied with
such trumping concessions as the monopo-
lists will permit the government to
make, and consequently the ministers
will stick to those who provide them with
campaign funds.

This is certainly an unhappy predic-
ament for a great party to be in. It is possible
that in attempting to fool the people with
pretensions of tariff reform the party
leaders are also both beguiling and fright-
ening their own satellites.

These indications are that the province
of New Brunswick will be well repre-
sented at the liberal convention at Ot-
tawa in June. Those counties that have
not already elected delegates are calling
meetings for the purpose of doing so,
and while the delegates selected will
have to pay their own expenses, in ad-
dition to being the time necessary to at-
tend the convention, there is no dearth
of good men for the work. This in itself
is an indication that the liberals not only
mean business, but that there are in the
rank and file hosts of men willing to
sacrifice the time and to meet all legiti-
mate expenses in forwarding the prin-
ciples of liberalism. That they do this in a
spirit of patriotism and from motives of
principle cannot be disputed. There is
no general expense fund on which the
party can draw, nor are there any fat con-
tracts from which they can hope to be
recovered. Our conservative friends cannot
understand how men can be found willing
to act as delegates on such conditions, and
they never fail in reporting these local
conventions to note sarcastically the fact
that the gentlemen who were elected
as delegates were granted the privilege
of "paying their own expenses to Ot-
tawa." When a party gets in such a
condition that it cannot even imagine a
person going to Ottawa on party business
and paying his own expenses, it should at
least have the policy to conceal its
amusement from the public.

WHAT SAYS REV. DR. M'LEOD?

It now turns out that the caterer to
minister Foster's banquet in St. John has
been fined for illegally selling rum to the
parties who surrounded the festive board.
Progress thinks this a small piece of busi-
ness, and insinuates that something more
than a sense of duty inspired the officer
who laid the information. We fail to see
how the officials could overlook the
offense simply because it was committed
at a banquet given to a minister of the
crown. But is it not a sad object lesson
to the people of Canada to behold a ban-
quet to the great temperance orator and
reformer, Geo. Edna Foster, closed in the
police court among common rogues who
where rum is sold illegally? What says
the Religious Intelligencer upon this
point? Or does the sum of twenty dol-
lars per day on the temperance commis-
sion cover a multitude of such sins?

The news from the lumber centres is
most encouraging. The winter's operation
for the province was an unusually suc-
cessful one, and in spite of the rumors to
the contrary by persons who did not
know anything about it, there is plenty
of water for driving purposes, and com-
paratively little lumber will be hung up
in the streams. Generally speaking the
season has been a profitable one from the
operating standpoint. Of course the
benefit to the lumber operators in par-
ticular, and to the province in general, will
depend mainly upon the state of the
market. It is to be regretted that the
trade policy by which the country is
burdened deprives the lumber industry,
at the best, of a large share of the profits
earned by the lumbermen, and always
has been a business an uncertain one.
We are glad to hear that the people of
New Brunswick should see fairly good
times during the coming summer.

CUMBERLAND BAY.

May 18.—Regina Lodge, No. 108, I. O. G. T.,
intend holding a concert on the eve-
ning of May 24th for the benefit of the
temperance cause. Some of the leading
artisans of this place are over exerting
themselves in trying to throw cold water
on the plan, even suggesting that the
temple are making fools of themselves.
We as good templars are willing to work
for the reputation which nature, though
partially, has bestowed on us as our right-
ful inheritance.

Fair exchange is no robbery, especially
when the articles in question are of equal
value. Some of our prominent young
men, however, are under the impression
that their progress in certain lines of
business would be more marked, if the
amount of boot was greater. Whether
they mean in quality or number we can-
not tell. Suppose we ask the shoe-maker,
All's fair in love and war.

We are glad to have in our community
again Miss Georgie Barton, of Brookline,
Mass., who is visiting at her old home.
Mr. C. Stewart, who left here on May
2nd to join her husband at Newton, Mass.,
has arrived safely at her destination.

The issue of the debate in the lodge,
referred to by a former correspondent,
has resulted favorably for "his side."
Having proved by argument that they
would be useful on a farm, they have de-
cided experimentally.

Rumor says that some more of our
young people intend following the ex-
ample of their absent friends and intend
migrating southward. We trust they will
have a speedy and prosperous journey
and reach the lub in safety!

HOYT STATION.
May 24.—On the nineteenth, all the
drivers in the south branch of the Oro-
moto, got out on the boats. Rafting is
being pushed rapidly forward as there
is over 2,000,000 feet of lumber to be rafted,
the largest amount got out for a number
of years. John Smith and Daniel DeWitt,
are the principal operators.

The contest in the temperance council,
closed May 6th, Milton Smith's side win-
ning. The Saturday evening following,
the treat was provided and among the
good things were ice cream and fruit cake.
About sixty of the members were present
and all went home feeling that it was good
to be there.

BLACKVILLE

May 22.—The weather has been so bad
that farmers have not made much pro-
gress with the spring work, but now pro-
spects are brighter.

Miss Wetmore left for Fredericton, and
St. John to make a visit for her health.
She has been in poor health since her
mother died but we hope the cruise will
benefit her and that she will return much
better than she went.

Miss Jardine and Mr. Hoyt both of
Indiantown were married the 22nd. Had
a quiet wedding.

Alex Ferguson is putting up a nice
house for himself. The carpenters Mr.
Sturgeon and Mr. G. Corney, are getting
it along very well.

Miss Ella Dunphy has returned to her
home and does not intend to come back
again. She has been going to school.

The scholars and teachers of our district
celebrated Arbor day by planting trees
and flowers also by cleaning the yard and
school house. It is quite an improvement
in the look of the place.

YORK MILLS.
May 25.—Arbor day, May 19th, was
duly observed. A few trees were planted,
and the school house and grounds were
thoroughly cleaned. All the young peo-
ple and several of their parents were on
hand, but the day was rather unfavor-
able for the picnic dinner which the
children always enjoy.

Business is going on rapidly in this
section. The woolen mill is again in
operation, and under Mr. Shene's skillful
management, will soon be able to supply
the customers with homespun.

Mr. Little has a crew of men in the
saw mill and boards and shingles are
being piled up all around.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream
of Our Exchanges.

Up to the 17th inst. there had been 13
banquettes in America.

Rev. Dr. Ketchum has completed the
writing of the late Bishop Medley's bio-
graphy.

Since last November over 1,000,000 bush-
els of potatoes have been shipped from
Aroostook.

Houlton, Me., has its streets lighted by
electricity, and will shortly have a tele-
phone system.

It is understood that F. W. Stockton is
about to dispose of his management prop-
erty in Kings county, to an American suc-
cédator. The figure is said to be about
\$150,000.

William Sullivan, who murdered his
employer, Lator Leetch, at Deward and
assaulted Mrs. Leetch, was taken from
the jail at Corunna, Mich., by a mob
Tuesday night and lynched.

Charles H. Clark, editor of the Orange
Sentinel, and brother of ex-Mayor F.
Clark, M. P. P., died at Toronto Thursday
morning of congestion of the lungs, after
a few days' illness. He was aged 55.

The proposed excursion of orangemen
to Fredericton on July 12th will, instead
of being a success, be a failure. It is a
sufficient number of cars cannot be ob-
tained from the C. P. R. to convey the excu-
sionists to the capital.

SEEDS.

Our stock of Field, Flower
and Garden Seeds, has been
completed by late arrivals.
We again have a supply
of the Chantenay and Ox-
heart Carrot.

C. FRED. CHESSNUT
Apothecary,
2 doors above Barker House
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April 15th, 1893.

THE FLAG STILL FLOATS.
LOOK OUT FOR IT.
Lucy & Co.,
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VEGETABLE
COMPOSED OF
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us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

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