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CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING.

THE HERALD reminds its advertising patrons, that the Christmas season is fast approaching, and it is time they were making plans for announcing their holiday stocks to the public.

THE HERALD reaches thousands of readers in the counties of York, Sunbury and Queens, whose people are the customers of Fredericton merchants, and an advertisement in this paper will strike them as no other form of announcement can.

Holiday contracts may be made on calling at this office, and the first callers will secure the best positions.

FEATURES OF THE CONTEST.

One of the startling features of the mayoralty contest, is Mr. Jordan posing as the temperance candidate. If that gentleman will kindly explain to the public what great stand he has ever taken in the cause of temperance, THE HERALD, for one, will gladly give him whatever credit is due, but with our present knowledge, we must hesitate before accepting Mr. Jordan as the exponent of a movement in which he has never been a conspicuous figure. The friends of the Scott act, too, whether temperate or intemperate, are expected to rally around Mr. Jordan. Why? Has Mr. Jordan ever cast a vote in his life in favor of the act? Has he not on every occasion voted with the opponents of the law? A wonderful friend of the Scott act, to be sure, is Mr. Jordan.

A newspaper supporter of Mr. Jordan labors in a lengthy article to prove that the city's interests could not be prejudiced as against the county, if he should be elected, and endeavors to draw a parallel in J. D. Hazen's case. When Mr. Hazen was mayor, his partner, John Black, was auditor and not secretary-treasurer of the municipality, a very different thing. The secretary-treasurer is the legal advisor of the municipality as well, and it is in his view of the law that the county authorities act. Mr. Jordan is the real law-giver of his firm, and would it not be a beautiful spectacle, some day, when a dispute arises between city and county, as is frequently the case, to find Mr. Jordan, mayor of Fredericton, closeted with his partner, Mr. Black, and giving him advice for the municipality in the dispute? Mr. Jordan and his friends may assume to treat this matter very lightly; to say that there is nothing in it, but the electors have their own opinion on the subject, and fully understand the situation.

The point is well taken against Mr. Jordan, that he might very properly have sought election as an alderman before appealing to the people for the position of mayor. That was the course adopted by Mayor Beckwith; it was from an alderman's seat that Mr. Hazen climbed to the mayor's chair, and neither gentleman thought it beneath his dignity to sit as an alderman; to enter the civic arena as a learner and achieve promotion in that way. But it seems that Mr. Jordan is a superior person, who knows the entire routine of civic business, just by glancing in the direction of the hall as he passes up and down street. He would scorn to occupy the position of alderman.

It is denied, on behalf of Mr. Jordan, that he is the candidate of a society, but the evidence is abundant that he was so brought into the field. The Herald does not deny the right of any society nominating a candidate for a public office, but in the present instance there does not seem to have been any particular demand for a course of that kind. It is infinitely more of a reproach, however, to accept a nomination at the hands of a body of electors, and then endeavor to create the impression that no such thing occurred. THE HERALD has information from a friend of Mr. Jordan's, that the first public intimation of his candidature was given at a meeting of one of the range lodges of the city, at which he was present, and that the committee which subsequently formally wrote to Mr. Jordan for his acceptance, was composed of delegates from both the Orangemen and the Star council. THE HERALD repeats that it does not urge this as a fact, but it is simply states the facts to meet the denials that have been made on behalf of Mr. Jordan, and for the information of the electors.

Probably THE HERALD may take a hand, from week to week, in the contest now fairly open, but we hope to be able to discuss the issues fairly, and without giving needless publicity to anybody. A city newspaper, however, which advocates Mr. Jordan's claims, has already descended to personalities, thus inviting an examination of its own candidate, but we trust none of Mr. Beckwith's friends will resort to that style of warfare, even when the fight is the thickest and the excitement intense, as it is bound to be, with such a long campaign in prospect.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF BILL.

Canadians have a warm and practical interest in the new United States tariff bill which has just been completed in the course of which will become law. The proposed measure strikes a death blow at McKinley's free tariff bill, and quite redeems the promises made by the democrats previous to and during the last presidential election. The enlargement of the free list is what attracts the largest share of Canadian attention, and our trade which divided under the McKinley bill, should be largely restored, provided the Canadian authorities show a disposition to reciprocate. Lumber from this country is to be admitted free, only on condition that Canada imposed no export duty on logs, the raw material of the saw-mill. Fruits, vegetables and eggs are free. Breadstuffs to be free if Canada makes them free. The duty on horses and cattle is also reduced, the present specific duty of \$50 a head on horses and \$10 a head on cattle being replaced by an ad valorem duty of twenty per cent. The same rate is provided for imports of barley, instead of the 30 cents a bushel of the McKinley tariff. Among other articles which will enter the United States free will be coal, fish, unmanufactured lumber, iron, copper and nickel ores. Free fish will also be a great boon to the maritime provinces. Free lumber ought to give new life to a great industry, which has not for some years enjoyed marked prosperity. The statement that fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, and like food products are untaxed will be the happiest message the Canadian farmer has had for many years. Although the new tariff should prove acceptable to Canadians, but the desideratum will not be realized until our own parliament meets the American tariff framers half way.

A CASE FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

At Brandon, Manitoba, a boy named Phillip Hill, only fourteen years of age, has been convicted of murder, and sentenced to be hanged January 15th. People who have been looking into his case, however, are making a strong effort to have a reprieve granted the unfortunate lad, and under all the circumstances it would seem an instance where executive clemency might very properly intervene. The facts of the case are briefly stated as follows:

In the spring of 1911, Hill's mother, then bearing the name of Mrs. Cox, went to live with a man named Frederick Irwin in the neighborhood of Virden, Manitoba. Afterwards Mrs. Cox brought three children to live at Irwin's and she herself has since passed as Mrs. Irwin in the locality. Phillip, the oldest of the children, seems to have been conditionally addicted to lying, and when he came to Irwin's his moral effects appear to have been a matter of small concern to his mother or to the man who assumed the position of step-father to him. The boy never went to school, and of course received no instruction in such a home as he knew. But he was an active fellow, fond of horses and agricultural work. In April last he went into the service of an Englishman named Greaves, a fairly well to do settler. On Friday, June 25, Greaves was found dead in his shanty. A few pieces of meat and porridge pot were near him, and the stomach of the dead man showed traces of strychnine poisoning. On the previous Wednesday morning young Hill had borrowed a package of mustard from the wife of Greaves' nearest neighbor, Mrs. Storey. This he took to the shanty, for the greater part of it was afterwards found there. On Wednesday evening after working all day, as was his custom, he borrowed a team and drove to Irwin's. While he never afterwards slept at Greaves, he took his little brother Aimee three or four times to the shanty, and after cautioning this six-year-old not to say anything, as he (Phillip) "would be hung," he opened the dead man's box, stole his watch and chain worth \$30 or \$40, and these articles he subsequently "traded" with his mother. She asked him why he did not sleep at Greaves' and he replied, "Mamma, I cannot."

When Greaves' body was found an investigation was set on foot. Aimee told his story for the first time, but the murderer Phillip only related a conflicting and perplexing number of lies. Irwin and Mrs. Irwin—or Cox—were arrested for stealing the stolen watch and chain, but Hill had also lied to them about the manner in which he got possession of it, they were subsequently acquitted.

Phillip was last week found guilty after a fair trial, and sentenced to be hanged on January 15. The verdict was perfectly justified by the evidence, although nothing appeared to show how the boy learned anything of the mixing of poisons. A Toronto lawyer, who was engaged to act as counsel for the boy, was unable to make any impression on the jury. The youthful murderer heard his sentence in stolid silence. No one can doubt, says a writer familiar with the facts, that the boy is unable either to see the enormity of his crime, or to appreciate the position in which he now stands. Since sentence has been passed further facts have come to light disclosing in connection with the boy's training sufficient grounds for believing him incapable of distinguishing right and wrong. Public sentiment in the district is accordingly opposed to the execution of the death sentence, and even the brother-in-law of the murdered man will join in the executive appeal for clemency. The case is perhaps the saddest that has ever been investigated in the Canadian criminal courts.

RESCIND THE RESOLUTION.

The pressure of public opinion, so strongly expressed in so many forms, ought to induce the school trustees to at once rescind their resolutions reducing the salaries of the high school teachers. The public will not stand any attack on that institution, likely to impair its efficiency. It has for many years been the pride and boast of Fredericton, and students from different parts of the province, have taken advantage of its privileges. How absurd indeed it is for the trustees to erect such an expensive building, and then proceed to reduce its educational facilities. It is like erecting a mammoth manufacturing establishment and furnishing it with inferior machinery. The high school teachers are worth all, and more than they have been receiving, and the trustees will bear show their respect for public opinion and the efficiency of the school, by immediately rescinding their alleged economical resolution.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON was premier of Canada a year on Saturday last, and the Queen helped him to celebrate the occasion by bestowing on him the rank of an imperial privy councillor. The fat little man, who sits at the head of the Dominion executive, is now entitled to write his name, The Right Honourable Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, K. C. M. G., minister of justice and premier of Canada. The length of a title always tickles the tory fancy, and it must be more than delighted with the honors bestowed on the premier.

It is stated that finance minister Foster, during his recent visit to the Northwest, told a Winnipeg man, who complained of the tariff exactions and hard times, to "go to Dakota." The man does not seem to have heeded the minister's advice, but with his "sisters and his cousins, and his aunts" went to the polls and told Mr. Foster and his government to go the d—n. It was not a very dignified response, to be sure, but it was quite in line with the attitude of the Winnipeg voter received in the first instance.

The Dominion by-election in Ottawa is to take place Dec. 13th, but as there is no indication of opposition to the government candidate, Sir James Grant. The capital vote is largely made up of civil servants who invariably vote with the "powers that be," and perhaps the liberals feel that it would be useless to attempt the capture of that city at the present time. The example of Winnipeg, however, ought to be an incentive to them to make a fight, at least.

The business of the Winnipeg law firm, of which Hugh James Macdonald is the head, is said to yield each of its three members \$10,000 a year. Macdonald's partners insisted on him either retiring from the firm, or abandoning his seat in parliament, and he chose the latter with its \$10,000 in fees.

Mr. Temple has gone on another jaunt to the upper provinces, presumably in search of that senatorship. If Troy promises are no better than those made to C. H. B. Fisher, our M. P. is still a long way off the coveted prize.

Miss MARY ROBBS, a bright young lady, is sole editor of the Springhill, N. S. News. The irate subscriber will message to take off his hat and put on his best manners when he enters the News' sanctum.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of Our Exchanges.

An Ottawa despatch says that the Dominion parliament will meet January 25th. The Quebec assembly has refused a plebiscite on the question of abolishing the legislative council.

Troop and Son of St. John have compromised with their creditors at twenty-five cents on the dollar.

A few days since the body of an infant was found in a stump heap at South Landing, Saliabury, N. B. The authorities are investigating.

Benjamin Parker, a Gagetown lad, was knocked down and had an arm and shoulder broken, Saturday, while leading a horse to water.

A despatch from Teheran to the London Times, says 12,000 persons were killed in Kuchan, Persia, by an earthquake last week. Fifty thousand cattle were killed.

A paper package containing half a dozen cartridges of dynamite and several yards of fuse was found in the new post office building hardly completed in Dartmouth, N. S. Who put it there is a mystery.

A considerable stir has been caused in society in London, Eng., by the conversion to Romanism of the Dover road, about five miles from Moncton. A nugget of gold about the size of a pin head was picked out of a piece of white quartz, since found by one of the owners, and the indications are good. Some parties are taking up areas.

In the parliamentary debate at Athens, on the speech from the throne, Premier Trioupius said Monday, that Greece was no longer in a position to fulfill her financial engagements with foreign powers. She was anxious to make an honorable compromise with her creditors, and would offer such terms as the state of the country would permit.

A special cable to the Star from London says the Council of the Imperial Federation League, London, has been dissolved, as it considered its work was done. The council was organized in 1884 and its disintegration has been effected by dispute over a proposition of an imperial defence fund in which the colonies should share and which was opposed strongly by Sir Charles Tupper.

Wm. Haines, a bricklayer, was burned to death in the electric works at Kingston, Ont., Tuesday, while working inside the super-heater. A candle which he used ignited some oily material and sent a flame up the flue in such a volume that it became impossible to rescue him, though assistance was near at hand. There, in a confined space, the man burned to death before his helpless companions.

Herbert Little who has been employed making repairs on the Crawford House, Brundage Point, has been living in the house. When alone he was taken ill and was unable to call aid. He tied a piece of cotton to a stick and hung it out the window. Mr. Crawford changed along shortly after and found Little, who was removed. Both of his feet were frozen. Little had been five days without nourishment.

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