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NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

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The North Star describes a fearful gale in the Straits of Bellisle. Information was received in town in the fore part of the week to the effect that a terrible storm of wind on the Newfoundland side of the Straits. At a place called Flowers...

At Catalina a great number of sea birds have been killed lately. Several of the boats got as high as 25 brace. The Isabella belonging to Job Bros. Co., with all hands on board, has been lately lost in St. Mary's Bay.

Captain Howarth, R. N. and Stipendiary Magistrate, at St. Georges Bay, is dead. His wife and children were in England at the time of his death. The poor St. Georges Bay will miss the worthy gentleman.

Mr. Edwin Duder one of the foremost mercantile men in St. John's, died the 20th of last month. The Chronicle, Mr. Bennetts personal property, and the Government's political property, has stolen and published a paragraph about Prof. Bards invention or rather discovery of Gill cod nets. It is told a great wonder by the St. John's newspapers, it has been floated through our Provincial papers, and all the time, you for 20 years back, precisely the same kind of nets, gill nets have been used at or near Cape St. Mary's and a hundred other places around the Newfoundland coast.

It is bad enough for the Canadian papers to be ignorant of this fact, but that the N. F. press could be ignorant of it, is hard to believe. Ed. CHATELAIN STAR.

The weather here up to the 15th ult., has been the finest I ever remember seeing at this season: You could take a telescope and scan the landscape for a circuit of miles around, and not see as much snow as you might see in the month of June in other years. As you remember, there are gulches here that invariably "Keep till June, December's snow."

Some of them retain it till August. So fine is the weather that the "mums will have come" and the "firing places" will be clear enough of snow to allow the shots of the neighborhood to ring the game. John Young is still reckoned one of the best shots, but to tell the truth, I think I can take down bird for bird with him.

The first of the winter, farmers on Cape Shore disposed of their cattle for a very small price. This Doyley of Gooseberry Cove, one of our most worthy settlers, sold five large cows for the small sum of \$12—only a fair price for two. Such sacrificing sales were due to scarcity of hay.

Rabbits are scarce through the country; so are partridge. "Gambirds" are numerous around the coast, but it is not smooth enough to kill them. The inhabitants around the coast have picked up no wrecked lumber this winter, owing to the prevalence of Easterly winds.

Messrs Croke and Davis killed five deer near the Mountain about ten days ago. Father Irvine has gone to Ireland to arrange about a deceased uncle's property and also for the good of his health. Father Jas. Whelan, our esteemed priest is officiating in his absence at Placentia. JONX.

PROVINCIAL NEWS. THE "PLAIN DEALER," THE "STAR," &c. We like to get the N. S. Plain Dealer. Its columns are always full of readable matter and readable because well written, fresh, and original. The selected matter is also good. We cannot always agree, however, with our talented contemporary. It had some time ago an article on Lower systemaries, to which we took objection. (It continues these generally excellent articles yet.) It seems to fall into the error that it cannot do justice to the dead without belittling the living,—on the same principle that it would not be sufficient justice to Mr. Jones living on one side the river, to say he was an "honest man," unless you said Mr. Robinson who lived on the other side was an "infernal rogue." We grant nothing better brings out merit than comparison, but it is not wise to "bring out" these qualities at the expense of truth.

Every good story told in modern days is of something said by a "Zoe in olden times. Napoleon could not be painted riding over the Alps without being put astride a white charger. The fact is if we went up the Alps at that time we would see a mule. The exploits of Jack the giant-killer, happened also in "olden times," and it was in years before our time, that Jack's great "Bean Stalk" grew to the moon. The father says to his son, "When I was your age John, I could take care of the farm, or sail a ship." It is only natural too, that in dealing with Hoves contemporaries the Plain Dealer writer, with all his ability and his much ability, if we may be permitted to "judge," should fall in with the general custom. "Tupper is able, but what was he to Lowe or to Uniacke, in old times!"—No more, we grant than Jack the Farmer of today is to Jack the Giant Killer of forgotten centuries. The Plain Dealer does not agree with our strictures on its well written article, but says:—

"The North Star remarks that 'great occasions oftentimes beget great men.' Occasions may bring great men to the surface, but it cannot beget them; they are always the Supreme Creator's handiwork. Truly great men may be lowly born; but pyramids are pyramids in value."

The Plain Dealer in picking up the word "beget" shows itself to be more than a little "occasional" in its "beget" men, neither does the Creator "beget" men, as the Plain Dealer contends. Men are not accounted great unless they say or do some great thing; and if the "occasion" does not exist, they have no means of exhibiting the greatness that is within them. How can a man show to the world that he is an athlete, unless he has a bar to perform upon? how can he show that he has power over an audience, till he has practiced upon an audience, and shown his power over them. The occasion will not beget the greatness that is born and then developed, but it affords the opportunity for the display of that greatness. Occasion is the garden in which the tree of greatness grows. Nova Scotia's politicians of today may be great, but they have no field in which to develop that greatness. They may do like Don Quixote fight against windmills, but they have no real realities to deal with.

By way of confuting our contention, the Plain Dealer but confirms what we said. It asks,— "What great occasion awoke in the mind of Columbus the animus of maritime adventure?" Easily answered: a great something to be done: and that great something the discovery of new worlds and a short way to India. What greater occasion could arise? Suppose Columbus got Patents under Victoria instead of under Henry VII, what could he have done in the way of maritime discovery to make himself famous? Nothing. But he would be the same Columbus all the time: thus proving the truth of our contention that "great occasions oftentimes beget great men." Greatness may lie latent in a man as least in inorganic bodies, for ever, unless developed Occasion develops it.

"The fault is in our stars, not in ourselves. That we are underlings" Is it not fair for the Plain Dealer to refer to Burns, because he was a poet, or to Bacon and Newton because they were philosophers. We spoke of politicians, and political opportunists, contending that since politics have been removed to Ottawa there is little to develop talent in the Province; but that looking to Ottawa where the field is, Nova Scotia has as great and greater than ever Howe, or Uniacke, or Doyle was, and he St. Charles Tupper. Says the Plain Dealer though:—

"The North Star intimates that there is no provincial matter in Nova Scotia that affords the opportunity for the exercise of great ability. In our opinion this is a time peculiarly fitted for calling forth personal greatness."

Then the writer unfortunately puts in a plea for the disruption of the confederation. Such a painful, pitiful thing coming from a writer we admire, forbids us to deal with the subject. Speaking of Wilnot and Fisher the Plain Dealer says:— "Their names are the most brilliant stars that brighten the history of New Brunswick. Compared with those dead giants, Tilly is a living pigmy."

If we have shown, and we undoubtedly have, that the Plain Dealer is not altogether equal to the task of establishing correct comparisons between the lives and living statesmen, how much less equal is it to the task of making correct comparisons between two? Wilnot had his admirers and many yet respect his memory, but while brilliant he was shallow, and while earnest was fanatical. He was a second rate man. Fisher never either got beyond second rate, and never was Mr. Tilly's equal. Mr. Tilly always towered above him.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE IN SESSION. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. THE GRAND SOUTHERN DEBATE. Mr. BLAIR.—As stated in our last the Attorney General brought in an amendment to Blair's amendment in re Grand Southern R. E. matters. After the Attorney General had concluded his lucid and convincing speech, showing that under the law the Government had no alternative but do as they had done, Mr. Blair followed in an appeal to the "constitutional" sense of the House. The better to understand what follows, let us say that last spring the Grand Southern railway company came to the Legislature and asked for an extension of the charter under which their company they had been incorporated for a certain number of years, and this incorporation gave them the right to locate and construct lines, draw subsidies, etc.; but owing to the stringency of the money market, and "delays" over which the company had no control, the time set out in their charter expired and found the road little better than half built; purchased, and all or nearly all the heavy debts incident to construction, contracted. Extend our Charter, was the company's request—give us time to finish the work. Their request was fair. When the charter was granted them, its intention was that the money might build a railroad. Within a reasonable limit, what then had the mere nominal time to do with the

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