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Editorial Notes.

The "Canada Presbyterian" of Toronto says:—"The directors of the Colabaire Fair are asking Congress for a grant of \$5,000. Now is the time for the people to speak through their representatives at Washington. Let Congress say: 'Shut the concern on Sabbath and let the Sabbath and liquor business be a head. Will Congress do it? We shall see.'"

Tuesday last appeared to be a cold day for politicians of the political persuasion, two or three having been seen and a third not having been seen in the streets. News, New Brunswick.

The elections held here in Prince Edward and Lennox the former constituency having been represented by a Liberal who was defeated for the second time at the general election, and a conservative has now been elected in his place, and in the latter place the majority has been increased from 19 to 20.

The case of Queens County has been before the Supreme Court at Fredericton and on Tuesday last judgment was delivered in favor of Baird, petitioner, against George G. King, respondent. The points decided were mutually agreed upon by counsel for both parties. Counsel for Baird contended that he could prove that thirty voters (sufficient number to elect Baird) had been bribed to vote for King, the grant candidate, and therefore Baird should be given the seat. King's counsel admitted that thirty voters had been bribed, but contended that it was not a right to have these struck off King's vote, the latter had the same right to take off Baird's. Counsel claimed that King's counsel (G. W. Watson) had not given the required notice under the act and therefore it could not be done. The chief justice delivered the judgment of the court sustaining King's contention and declaring Baird entitled to the seat. When the election court meets on the 25th thereof, the judges will declare Baird member for Queens.

If the government party keep on as they are doing in the bye elections they will have a considerably larger majority when Parliament meets than they had at any time during the long drawn out session of last year.

Petition of Salmon Fishermen.

Extract from "Fishing and Sealing," February 4th, 1892.

The following petition to the Hon. Sir Charles H. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, is now being circulated:

The undersigned owners and lessees of fishing privileges in Canada respectfully represent that of late salmon have become much more scarce each year in the Canadian rivers, and that unless the Dominion Government shall promptly adopt some decided and effective measures to enable a larger number of salmon to reach their spawning ground, great danger of extermination of the species will be incurred.

We believe the present requirement, that the nets shall be raised on Saturday evening till Monday morning, is inadequate opportunity to secure a large portion of the fish to safely reach their spawning grounds. Considering the great extent of these rivers along which the perfect net appliances now in use are set, the proportion of fish which can escape there must be small. This is sufficiently proved by the fact, observed by all anglers, that a large percentage of the salmon which reach fresh water are diseased and scarred from contact with the nets from which they have escaped.

We therefore respectfully petition that all salmon nets and traps be hereafter raised during three successive days and nights of each week, which shall be the same stated three days and three nights for all nets.

We believe that the ultimate interests of the net fishermen (by whom alone objection would be offered) would not in reality be prejudiced should our petition be granted.

Eventually they must be actually benefited by allowing a larger number of fish to reach their spawning and increase the now diminishing supply.

We beg your attention to the fact that anglers pay liberally for their fishing privileges, and are compelled to guard and protect the salmon whilst in fresh water, and in consequence of the very small proportion of salmon taken by anglers, as compared with the large number taken by net fishermen, we believe we are entitled to a more favorable consideration.

In presenting this petition, we submit therefore that we ask nothing but what comports with the interests of the government, as seeking the greatest good to the community it represents, and nothing more than a fair division of the time between netters and anglers. And we respectfully pray that our petition be granted for the common benefit of all concerned.

GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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Report of William Sweeney, Surveyor of Dams for the Parish of Bedfordford, recommending that a dam be erected over the dam across the River at the mill of Alexander P. Doucet, and on motion and unanimous vote of the Council, the Council resolved that the following resolution, Whereas the County Court House and Court are in a dilapidated condition, and whereas the Grand Jury of this County have on several occasions recommended that immediate steps be taken by this Council to repair the old mill of said dam.

And whereas different Justices of the Supreme Court have publicly expressed the same opinion.

Therefore resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to at once draft a bill to be submitted to the Grand Jury of this County, to be considered by the Grand Jury at their next meeting, and to be empowered to procure plans and specifications for the erection of said dam.

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We recommend that Town Licenses be granted to the following persons:

Bathurst.

Tavern License—Amos Gallant, Henry White, Percy Wilson, Andrew Black, Thomas F. Keary, Patrick P. Foley, Wholesale License—Jacob White, Thos. Leahy.

Bethesda.

Tavern License—R. E. Hutchinson. Wholesale License—James Daley.

New Bedford.

Tavern License—William Threlkeld.

Wholesale License—Albert Sewell.

Wholesale License—Louis Poirer, Wm. P. Foley.

Wholesale License—Joseph C. Connelan.

Wholesale License—Sigmund Samuelson, Louis U. Roy, Alex. Connelan, Overseers of Poor, Xavier E. Dowse.

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On Thursday, Jan. 29, 1892.

DEAR ADVOCATE—It is our painful duty today to announce the death of Mrs. A. Mott which took place at her home on Jan. 26, 1892, after a protracted illness of about five years.

With all the fortitude of a true Christian and in her last moments could sing.

I feel I'm meeting Jesus in the air, Which does not cease a moment, And shall roll away to that dark tide Which will be near her home.

These glowing words were sung, and with wings of shining joy, Will bear my spirit far away Beyond the stars and sky.

Unto that region better far, Than sagest folk or poet sing, Brighter than summer beauties are, And sweeter than the birds of spring.

There I will sing my Maker's praise As he leads me to the Father's home, A nobler voice in heaven I'll raise Within immortal tongue.

PERSONAL.

Dr. John S. Benson has been appointed a member of the Auxiliary Committee of the Pan-American Medical Congress, which is to meet at Washington in September next.

Mr. Alex. N. McKay, eldest son of Rev. N. McKay, and Mr. Walter R. White, electrician, left on Friday for the United States. They went to Halifax, and from there to Boston by boat.

Mr. McKay purposes leaving the city in September next, to visit his father, Mr. Alex. N. McKay, who is now in the United States.

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