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The Evening Star.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.

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Suppose some of those people who have been reading the STAR for nearly two years without paying for it were to bring us a load of wood!

APPOINTMENTS AND DISMISSALS.

It does not take them long at Ottawa to make Governors, and pitch unworthy public servants overboard. The following in this direction is the latest:—

The Hon. R. D. Wilnot, Senator, Speaker of the Senate, and Member of the Privy Council, to be Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick.

John Boyd, Esq., of St. John, to be a member of the Senate of Canada.

The Hon. Senator Macpherson to be Speaker of the Senate of Canada.

John V. Ellis, Esq., Postmaster of St. John, dismissed.

Stephen J. King, Esq., to be Postmaster of St. John in the room of John V. Ellis.

Quite a change truly!

As we anticipated in our last issue, Mr. R. D. Wilnot has been appointed Governor, on which we most heartily congratulate him. Mr. R. D. Wilnot, like nearly every man written about in the papers of late, has had quite a political career. He was born in Fredericton seventy-two years ago, but strayed away from the place of his nativity to St. John, for which city he was elected legislative representative in 1846. Showing his usefulness as a member in those stormy times when Responsible Government was the *beau ideal* of every Colonial heart, Mr. Wilnot was elected Mayor of St. John three years later. In 1851, he took his seat in the Executive as Surveyor-General, which position he held down to 1854. Three years later he became Provincial Secretary, and four years later he came out as a strong Anti-Confederate, and was defeated. Then like Cincinnati he returned to his farm at Belmont, where, with ample time to view the progress of events and note the difference between political creeds, he became a convert to Confederation principles. In 1866 he argued as earnestly for Confederation as four years previously he had denounced it. But Mr. Wilnot was not the only one who in those days changed his mind: it was an age of somersaults. The popular sentiment began to be decidedly of a "Confederate" turn, and with great acclamation M. Wilnot was returned pledged to support the Union. He then became a member of the Tilley party, and so far impressed the Confederates with the earnestness of his convictions that in '67 he was sent to London as one of the Colonial delegates. About this time he was also appointed to the Senate, where he has served since with honor to himself and to the party. In 1878 he was appointed Speaker of the Senate, and given a seat without office the cabinet.

Mr. Wilnot, with the exception to which we have referred, has always been a gentleman of sound views, and very decided opinions, many of which are original. He has for a number of years advocated a National Currency system for Canada, which system has been called the *Rag Baby*; and those who are smart enough to guess eggs if they only see the shells, declare that his strong views on the question led to a threatened rupture between him and his party some weeks ago. Others who ought to know better, and are equally as good guessers, contend it was Mr. Wilnot's ill health led to his proposed retirement. The latter view seems quite a probable one.

We have no doubt but Mr. Wilnot will make a sterling Governor, upright, decided, and unbending in all his public dealings; and that he will bring dignity and respect to his position, the highest in the colony.

We welcome him to Fredericton and again express the belief that he will adorn the high position both in his official and social relations.

The appointment of Mr. John Boyd to a senatorship, though some papers say he will not accept it, will give very great satisfaction, but we could well have wished that Mr. Boyd were living

in one of the river counties. Mr. Boyd is described as a gentleman of pointed speech and flowing eloquence, and those who know him think he will be an adornment to the Senate and a credit to St. John. We must congratulate Sir Leonard Tilley, therefore, in having made such a happy appointment: while we admire the worthy Knight for bearing in mind a friend whose devotion was the same in dark days as in times of prosperity.

We know very little about Senator Macpherson, further than the name sounds as if it were Scotch, and that the Hon. Senator has the name of being gifted as a political pamphlet writer. He no doubt possesses a number of other good qualities, else he would not be appointed to such an important post.

Mr. John V. Ellis Postmaster of St. John and editorial writer on the *St. John Globe* has been dismissed. The only wonder about this dismissal is that it did not take place months ago. Mr. Ellis was foolishly, or with a supreme lack of judgment, has incurred dismissal more than fifty times since the formation of the New Government by the slanderous articles he has published in his paper. Had Mr. Ellis been possessed of a burning desire to serve his country and felt that he could only do that by attacking the Government under the shelter of whose wing he lived, whose patronage supported him, he should have manfully resigned his office, instead of waiting till ignominiously dismissed from it.

Every day the *St. John Globe* censured the Government, it censured the Postmaster General, and that being in subordination, merited dismissal in itself. Add to this that Mr. Ellis, who was paid \$3,000 a year for the post-mastership, edited a daily paper; and as a man cannot serve two masters, he must therefore have neglected the business of his department.

There is still a further reason to justify his dismissal and that is the disloyalty of Mr. Ellis' sentiments through his paper. No loyal Government could be expected to retain in its service a man whose greatest aim seems always to have been antagonism to British Rule in Canada, and the advocacy of the hateful proposition, annexation to the United States. Indeed the time has been, and in the memory of many alive to day, when it was doubtful if the author of the articles we have referred to would not have received something more than dismissal from the public service for uttering such rebellious sentiments.

Mr. Ellis is in very many respects an honorable citizen and a good man, and he no doubt believes, however madly or foolishly, that Annexation is best for Canada, and that a party and jug handled warfare against the Government was as much part of his duty as his eight hours supposed attendance in the post office.

Mr. Ellis has been justly punished, but the most bitter part of his sorrow must be that he has no one but himself to blame. Had he taken the advice of his friends from the conservative side, or the warnings of those from the Liberal side, he should not at this late hour of life, when his hoary hairs should be the accompaniment of honor and faithfulness to position and duty, be censured and dishonored by his country. While we have some regret for Mr. Ellis' own sake, we feel his dismissal is made in the interests of integrity in public offices, and therefore for the good of the public service.

Of Mr. King who becomes Postmaster in St. John we know very little; but we suppose he must be of some note—at least in the political world—or he should not have received the appointment. As lesser bodies like the earth derive their light from the sun, Mr. King perhaps borrows his importance from his brother, who is ex-Archbishop of New Brunswick. We shall take for granted the appointment is all right.

Mr. John Livingston, editor of the *Sun*, has been dismissed from the position of Immigration agent at St. John, no doubt for inattention to the office, and Mr. Gardner has been appointed in his stead. This is also a most desirable change, for from what we can hear the new agent is quite a thrifty man, and may be expected therefore to make a thrifty officer.

ANOTHER VENDOR.

The *St. John News* has again begun to predict, assuring its readers that "a conflict between Russia and the Anglo-Indian Empire seems inevitable at an early day." The *News* we suppose remembers the prediction it made last winter about that "want of confidence" resolution, and how much of it came to pass. How would it do for the *News* to try its hand at the weather a little while? There is a wide field there for its usefulness, as Vendor seems unequal to the occasion.

ET TU BRUTE! And the Halifax *Chronicle* "too is of the opinion" that the Best Root bubble in New Brunswick must burst. This must break the *Telegraph's* "mighty heart." We wonder if the Government of New Brunswick will give any beet seeds to Mr. Inches next spring. We "pause for a reply."

The *Moncton Times* advises the Editor of the *New Glasgow Chronicle* a stupid weekly newspaper, not to "take anything" when writing his next editorials. It appears then the *St. Stephen* man is not the only one!

NOTICES were sent out a few days ago that the City Council would meet on Tuesday evening on very important business. This business was the projection of a scheme to raise \$3,000 to pay off immediate debts. But the meeting did not take place as Mr. W. Wilson one of the Councillors had to go to St. John to deliver a lecture in the Orange Hall to his fellow Orangemen. We could not say positively when there will be another meeting held, as some other such contingency may arise.

Mr. H. B. RAINSFORD, J.R. leaves for Ottawa to-morrow to conduct the case of Barker before the Supreme Court. We are glad the Government have chosen Mr. Rainsford.

GERMANY will, so the telegrams say, prolong her Socialist laws for two years. This is a pattern for France who is pardoning some of the most bloodthirsty and godless ruffians of the Commune by her recent laws.

The *Monetary Times* says Canadian wheat takes precedence to United States wheat in the French market. That's good.

THERE is less weeping and gnashing of teeth than might be expected in the Opposition ranks about the dismissal of the *St. John* Postmaster.

The press of general matter upon our columns to-day obliges us to leave local matters alone, till we have time and space to deal with them.

The Parliament of Canada opened to-day. There is great "hurrying to and fro" at Ottawa just now. We direct attention to the speech in another column.

The Home Rulers moved an amendment to the Address. They were sadly in the minority.

It is reported the Baroness Burdett-Coutts will give £500,000 to the suffering Irish.

The Unhappy Czar.

Shakespeare well calls the crown a "gilded perturbation," a "golden care." There are few Russian peasants indeed, even though miserable and squalid as Rector Edwards represents them, but are happier eating their bread on onions and moonly bread, than the Czar arrayed in his purple and fine linen. The substance of certain official reports which have been made to the authorities in Vienna by their agents at St. Petersburg has leaked out, and is in process of circulation in society. The report gives in great detail facts respecting the mental condition of the Czar, and lead to the conclusion that he is at times quite insane. He is represented as subject to prolonged fits of depression, remaining for hours and even days in a state of almost unconscious lethargy. These fits are succeeded by wild exhilaration, during which he is most affable, genial and joyous, and it is at these moments that his courtiers ask and receive from him favors of the most extravagant description. It is said that in one of these moods the Czar announced that he was resolved to grant to Russia a practically democratic form of government, and to call upon his people to elect a legislature which should frame a constitutional form of government. Reports add that the deposition of the Czar by his son is not at all probable.

Murder of the Donnelly Family.

The deliberately planned murder of several members of the Donnelly family, near Lucan, is an occurrence unexampled in Canada. The question naturally arises: What has led to so terrible an act? It can scarcely have been the result of private vengeance, for too many were concerned in it for that. It was not done in order to obtain possession of any property, for robbery did not enter into the dark arrangements. The existing cause seems to lie outside of any ordinary occasion. It has long been known that the Donnelly family had been a scourge to the neighborhood in which they lived. They had been engaged in innumerable assaults and riots. Among other lawless acts arson was not wanting, one brother, Robert, has just served a term in the penitentiary for shooting at Constable Everett from behind a woodpile, and came very near accomplishing his object. The father was at one time in the penitentiary for the murder of a man named Ryder, while a long list of minor criminal charges have been made against members of the family from time to time. At one time they bid defiance to the whole neighborhood. Magistrates were afraid to issue warrants against them, and when constables performed their duty by making an arrest, it was at the peril of their lives. Indeed matters had at one time reached such a pass that the local civil power was completely paralyzed, and it was even suggested that the volunteers should be called out in order to assist in the execution of the law. There is no doubt that the family in general had long been a terror to that section of the county, the alarm that their acts created exercising a very prejudicial effect upon the character and prospects of the community. Not long since the resident priest deemed it to be necessary to warn the members of his congregation against them a measure not resorted to except in extreme cases. Such were the people who fell before the attack made upon them by a body of disguised men on Tuesday night—an act which savors more of the lawless satisfaction that has been taken sometimes in the South-western states, than of the order loving procedures which have usually characterized affairs in Canada. Of course, such an event calls for most active measures on the part of the Government in order to discover the guilty parties and thus assert the majesty of the law as it exists among us.

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2 Cases Wood Screws;
10 doz. Auger Bits;

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Music and use of Instruments, 25.
Drawing, 25.
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Represents a capital of over One Hundred Millions of Dollars.
Fire Risks from \$100 to \$50,000.
Oct. 25, 1879.

JANUARY 20th, 1880.

F. B. EDGECOMBE

Will commence his Annual clearance Sale of

WINTER DRY GOODS, FROM DATE.

The Whole Stock will be offered at Greatly Reduced Prices, in order to make room for spring importations.

GENUINE BARGAINS CHEAP FOR CASH.

ALBION HOUSE, QUEEN STREET, FREDERICTON.

January 20, 1880.

JANUARY 15, 1880.

FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

A. A. MILLER & CO.,

Will Offer their whole Stock of

DRY GOODS AT BANKRUPT PRICES,

—FOR CASH ONLY.—

Great Bargains may be Expected.

Fredericton, January 15, 1880.

New Christmas Goods.

We have just received our new Holiday Goods. Everything Clean and Fresh. Personally selected within the last few days, and have now just opened:

26 CASES Choice Books and Fancy Goods, 1078 OF ALL KINDS, In Wood, Tin and Rubber. All so some nice

Nickel-Plated Ware, Photograph and Autograph Albums, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, And a Fine Assortment of WAX DOLLS, which we have marked at prices never offered before in this city. Call and see them.

Miscellaneous Books, Poems, Church and Catholic Prayer Books Wesley's Hymns, &c. Our stock of Stationery is now complete.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS IN ENDLESS VARIETY. 126 Pieces New Music just received.

M'MURRAY & FENETY.

P. S.—Our stock of SCHOOL BOOKS will be sold, in future as in the past, at the lowest prices. McM. & F.

Fredericton, December 9, 1879.

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IN BUSINESS!

Absolute and Final Sale!

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Jackets, Furs, Millinery, &c.,

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