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HARMONY HALL.

Will the Wheat Policy Produce Three and Four Price Flour?

A Wicked Tory's Arguments, and Fellow Robertson's Burst of Elo-quent and Lofty Scorn.

A Matchless Manifesto and Its Uses—Great Anxiety About the Health of Fellow Blair.

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"I did. And then he asked me why no tenders besides the Record people could have a chance."

"But," interjected Fellow Robert- son, "you surely referred him to Mr. Emmer-son's manifesto."

"I did," said the fellow, and he asked me if it was an infidel.

"Shocking!" cried Fellow Robert- son. "Shocking! Why, Mr. Emmer- son told me himself that there was nothing in those bridge charges."

"Yes," said the fellow, "and I told the Tory what you said. And he re- plied that the more Pickwick Mr. Emmer-son could find the more fun he and Tweedie would have at the coun- try's expense."

"When you see that Tory again," said Fellow Robertson, with the air and gesture of a tragedian, "say to him that I, George Robertson, regard him with scorn and contempt. Say to him that I, the father of the Wind- sor Post, despise his wily carrying and vile insinuations. Say to him that but for the high ideals of public duty which I cherish I might have tempted to descend to his level and argue with him. But no—I will not. I will not so far demean myself as to descend to the commonplace plane of argu- ment or explanation. That may do for Tories, but for myself and Mr. Emmer-son—never, sir—never."

This declaration was greeted with tremendous applause.

"Would Mr. Emmer-son's manifesto be good for the toothache?" piped a shrill voice from the rear of the hall.

"I have no doubt," said Fellow Robert- son, "that not only toothache but all bodily ills will yield to its power- ful action. If by any chance the scriptures should be destroyed from human records, that matchless man- ifesto would be a sufficient guide to life and conduct. I sleep with it under my pillow, and wear it as a chest protector in the dangers of life."

"Fellows," said the president, "I am just informed that Fellow Blair's pri- vate car has been sighted beyond Westfield."

"Certainly not," said the president. "He does not believe in introducing federal leases. He is travelling for his health."

In ten seconds the hall was empty, and the whole crowd, led by Fellow McKewen and Fellow Robertson, were flying to the railway station to enquire after Mr. Blair's health.

CATARH CAN BE CURED. Catarrh is a kindred ailment of consump- tion, long considered incurable, and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarrh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted authority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send of charge to all sufferers from Catarrh, Asthma, Con- sumption, and nervous debility, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full di- rections for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Power Block, Rochester, N. Y.

At Chubb's Corner on Saturday W. A. Lockhart sold the brick dwelling situate on German street, owned by Wm. Breeze, to John Frederickson for \$5,120. A vacant lot adjoining was purchased by Mrs. R. E. Coupe for \$9,000. Mr. Breeze's property on Leinster street was withdrawn at \$4,900 and the property on Dock street at \$4,270.

CROWN LAND SCANDAL.

Lumber Operators Who Do Not Pay More Than Half Stumpage.

They Practically Control the Surveyor General and Appoint Their Own Scalers.

A Result of the Northumberland Deal—Miramichi District Unjustly Favored—Some Facts and Figures.

Provincial Secretary Tweedie told a Montreal newspaper not long ago that it would be a great misfortune to the North Shore if the provincial coalition were broken up. He explained that a new ministry might cause a change in government scalars of lumber, and that this would damage the standing of the lumbermen with the banks. This remarkable state- ment, made apparently in a rash mo- ment, was never explained by Mr. Tweedie or his colleagues, though they have often been asked to throw more light on it. It is a singular state- ment that the financial position of the Miramichi lumbermen should depend upon Mr. Tweedie's choice of scalars, whose simple duty is to make a re- turn to the government of the quantity of lumber cut on crown lands. The duty of these scalars is to make a true return, regardless of the effect on the operator.

WHAT MR. TWEEDIE MEANT. With Mr. Tweedie's remark for a text, enquiry might profitably be made into this crown land business. The Northumberland deal, so called, did more than reduce the stumpage from \$1.25 to \$1 per thousand, and give the operators longer leases of the land. It gave them, Mr. Tweedie, their surveyor general, and through him the privilege of naming their own scalars and practically of fixing their own rate of stumpage. Below will be found evidence to show that while the legislature reduced the rate to one dollar the large operators who pay the stumpage fixed it at least at the half that rate. The fifty cent rate or less prevails over the law, but it cannot be learned that it applies beyond the Miramichi district.

NO USE FOR MR. DUNN. It is true that Mr. Tweedie is no longer commissioner of crown lands. That office has been nominally trans- ferred to Mr. Dunn. This also is law. But in practice the administrative ju- risdiction of Mr. Dunn does not seem to apply to the Miramichi district. It is understood that when Mr. Dunn took office he said one at least of his per- sonal officers made the mistake of supposing that his field of direction included Northumberland. But he was soon warned off as a trespasser. The department went so far as to sug- gest a removal of scalars from one place to another, to secure them from local influence, and rashly proposed that the lumbermen of the Miramichi ought to pay what the law called for as well as those on the Bay of Fundy coast, the St. John, river, or other parts of the North Shore. The impression prevails that Mr. Dunn was ordered to keep his hands off and to confine his attention to other districts, leaving the big operators of Northumberland to arrange their own stumpage.

THE SNOWBALL CIRCULAR. J. B. Snowball issues a circular giving the annual shipments of lumber from the various ports. The figures are made up from the customs returns and are taken as authorita- tive. From this statement it appears that the shipments of lumber in 1897 from the Miramichi to transatlantic ports amounted to 103,000,000 super- feet. It will hardly be disputed that four-fifths of this lumber, or 82,000,000 feet, was cut on crown lands. In addition, a large quantity of lum- ber was manufactured for shipment by water elsewhere than across the At- lantic. There were considerable ship- ments north, south and west by rail, and a quantity was sold for local con- sumption. It happened also that in 1897 a much larger quantity, both of logs and lumber, was left over for the next season than had been carried forward from 1896.

FORTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. If we add to this 82,000,000 the quan- tity of crown land lumber shipped by water and rail to other than transat- lantic ports, the sales for local consumption and some 20,000,000 or 30,000,000 feet held over, we arrive at the quantity that should have paid stumpage in 1897. The quantity could cer- tainly not be less than 110,000,000, and would probably be 120,000,000 to 150,000,000 feet. But the government in New Brunswick, which is by law required to collect one dollar per thousand feet of stumpage, collected in 1897 less than \$7,000 in the Miramichi district from the lumber cut. Without including re- siduals from pulp wood, timber and other products not shipped as lumber, the Miramichi contribution for stumpage was little if any over \$40,000. That is to say, the crown land department reduces the lumber cut on crown lands in the Miramichi district to 40,000,000 feet. The other 70,000,000 to 90,000,000 feet pays no stumpage, making a loss to the province and a gain to the op- erators of \$70,000.

In 1896 the transatlantic shipments from the Miramichi district included 105,000,000 feet of deals and boards, of which 85,000,000 feet would be cut on

The Way to be Well. If you are ill it is not you alone who suffer, but those who depend upon you, those to whom you are dear—whether you are a man or a woman. The worst diseases in the world are slight ailments at first. If you are feeling weak, nervous or run down—if you are at all unwell, take DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS for PALE PEOPLE and be made bright, active and strong. Recommended by the liberal minded doctor and the trained nurse. But you must get the genuine—substitutes never cured anyone. CONSTANT FEELING OF LASSITUDE. From Parrboro, N.S., Leader. There is scarcely a man, woman or child in the busy mining town of Springhill, N. S., who does not know Mr. Moses Y. Boss, the trusty agent of A. R. Fulton, dealer in carriages and farm implements. Two years ago the writer first met Mr. Boss, and was struck with the extreme pallor of his countenance. He seemed, in fact, like one in the deadly grip of consumption. Recently business again brought him to the home of the writer, but a remarkable change for the better had taken place in the interval. Upon enquiry it was learned that falling health first induced Mr. Boss to go upon the road as salesman in the hope that a change of scene would be beneficial. The result, how- ever, did not meet with his expectations. The food he ate distressed him, and the weakness and feeling of lassitude became intensified. To use his own words, he was so weak and nervous, and used up, that he felt he "could have dropped down and gone to sleep anywhere." Driving tired him and when at home the slightest labor about his farm was irksome. He was in this hopeless and discouraged condition when a friend recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He decided to try one box, and before they were gone he found some benefit from them. He then bought four boxes more, and each week found an improvement in his condition. His stomach ceased to trouble him, the feeling of lassitude troubled him no more, and his labors were no longer irksome. By the time he had finished his fifth box, his health was fully restored, and has since continued to be excellent, and he is not backward in telling his friends the sterling worth of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

MONTREAL FIRE.

One Fireman Killed and Another Probably Fatally Injured—The Cold Wave.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—One fireman lost his life and another was prob- ably fatally injured by fire this morn- ing on Chaboulay square in the block next door to the fire station. The block burned contained Hirsch's gro- cery store, the branch of the Banque Ville Marie and a couple of boarding houses. During the progress of the fire a wall toppled over on a ladder on which were firemen E. Smith and Jos. Mooney. Smith was almost in- stantly killed, and Mooney, who is a well known professional runner, was probably fatally injured. The property loss is ten thousand dollars. The firemen were hampered by the intense cold in fighting the blaze.

COALITION IN KENT.

Dominion Government and its Officials for (Richibucto Review).

Port Office Inspector Ocker was in Kent this week and drove over the proposed new mail route from Kingston to Harcourt via the South side of the river.

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS.

John Brander, an old and respected resident of Bayview, St. Martin's, died very suddenly on Monday evening, aged 82, after eating his supper, and in his usual health he left the table to lie down on the sofa. A short time afterwards when one of the house- hold went to the room, they found him dead. A doctor was summoned, who pronounced death from heart trouble.

On Tuesday, 7th inst., Mrs. Hector Chasson died after a lingering illness of consumption. She was 41 years of age, and the youngest daughter of James Ross, who, if he lives to the 13th day of June next, will be 101 years of age. Mrs. Chasson leaves a husband and three children to mourn their loss. She was a member of the First St. Martin's Baptist church, and beloved by all who knew her.

On Wednesday, 8th inst., Bella McLeod, aged 16, daughter of David McLeod, died with dropsy.

Schooner Advance, owned by James Collins of St. John city, has been pur- chased by Capt. Shand of the North Shore, who is here getting the vessel out of winter quarters and ready for sea.

About eighty of the young people of St. Martin's gathered at the house of the Rev. S. H. Cornwall, Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Ethel Dakin, the niece of the reverend gentleman, who has been spending the last few weeks with him. The party broke up at a late hour after spending a very enjoyable evening.

Read the "Semi-Weekly Sun."

WINTER LIGHTNING KILLS TWO.

People of Maryland Alarmed by Two Strange Storms.

Electrical storms and snowstorms have been chasing each other across the Chesapeake Bay from the moun- tains to the sea in Maryland during the past twenty-four hours. While the country on the Eastern Shore is covered with snow, the temperature in a few hours rose between twenty and thirty degrees, and a terrific elec- trical storm burst. Lightning shivered snow-capped trees. A colored girl named Ruth Morlock was killed by a bolt of lightning near her home in Dorchester county. An unknown colored man in Calvert county was found dead on a road, be- side a tree that had been split in two by a bolt. The temperature fell rapidly after the summer storm, and at 3 o'clock this morning a winter blizzard developed. In four hours six inches of snow fell, and on the bay the storm interfered with navigation.

Mortgagee's Sale.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: There will be sold at Public Auction at Chubb's Corner (so called) in the City of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on SATURDAY, the Eighteenth day of February next, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon:

REV. JOHN WILLIAMS DEAD.

Senior Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 7.—Rev. John Williams, D.D., LL.D., bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, diocese of Con- necticut and senior bishop of the house of bishops of the Episcopal church in America, died very unexpectedly at the Episcopal resi- dence shortly before 6 o'clock tonight in his eighty-second year.

The deceased had been suffering with a light attack of the grip for about a week, but no fatal result was anticipated. Though Bishop Williams had practically been an invalid for the past two years and confined to his bed, excepting for a short time each day, his ailments were of a physical na- ture. His mind was bright and active to the end.

He graduated from Washington (now Trinity) college at Hartford, in 1825, and after studying theology in the theological seminary at New York, was ordained deacon in 1826.

He was a tutor in Trinity college from 1827 to 1830. In 1832 after having served as assistant to Rev. Dr. Jarvis at Middletown, he was called to the rectory of St. George's church, Schenectady, N. Y. In 1848 he was elected president of Trinity college and re- moved to Hartford, and in 1851 was com- modore assistant bishop to Bishop Brownell. His mother and he have since resided here. Jan. 12, 1885, Bishop Brownell died and Bishop Williams became the sole bishop of the diocese.

Honorary degrees of S. T. D. or D. D. were received from Union college in 1847; from Trinity in 1849; from Columbia in 1851, and Yale in 1883; that of LL. D. was confer- red by Hobart college in 1870.

A spirited charger, belonging to Capt. Carpenter, the new adjutant of the R. R. C. I., has arrived at Fred- ericton from London, Ont.

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All that certain (leasehold) lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Duke's Ward, in the City of St. John, and known and distinguished on a plan of the said city on file in the office of the County Clerk by the number (855) eight hundred and fifty-eight, the said lot being forty feet front on the south side of Duke street and extending back, containing the same breadth one hundred feet more or less, with all and singular the rights, members, and appurtenances to the said lot belonging or in anywise appertaining.

The above sale will be made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the ninth day of January, A. D. 1893, made between Mary Knox, wife of James Knox, of the said City of St. John, cabinet maker, and James Knox of the first part and Laura A. Smith of Skediac, in the County of West- morland, and Province aforesaid, spinster, of the second part, which said indenture of mortgage is duly recorded in Libro 41 of Records, folio 482, 483, 484, 485 and 486 of the City and County of St. John, reference be- ing thereto had more fully and at large appear, default having been made in the payment, principal money and interest. Terms cash. Dated the fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1888. LAURA A. SMITH, Mortgagee.

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