

THE "STAR."

We need not tell our readers how the STAR has "got ahead" since we established it at Chatham. When it first appeared it met an eager reception. Never since its first issue has the interest in it diminished. In it the people get all the local news in readable paragraphs and the news of the world in short pithy bits.

This is why our semi-weekly, full freighted with the latest news, local and outside, meets such an eager reception twice a week. Since striking off our first issue, we have not had half a dozen papers over, and the edition is a pretty large one—besides supplying Chatham, going every evening to Newcastle, and a large bundle to Fredericton.

The success of the WEEKLY STAR is no less marked. It contains all the matter of the other two issues, more than is given in any weekly paper outside of St. John. We have canvassed very little for the WEEKLY STAR, yet the large list with which we commenced has more than doubled within three months. Most people who read the STAR once, like to read it the second time—and in this way each week now we get from 6 to 20 subscribers.

We have said we began with a large list. By this list we mean the names of the persons who subscribed to the Fredericton STAR. The best proof of the regard our readers have for the kind of a newspaper we publish, we may just state by saying that every one of our Fredericton STAR subscribers has stood by us and now takes the NORTH STAR!

OUR PATRONS.

Our many St. John patrons will find the STAR an excellent advertising medium; and to prove that they have believed this we now refer to the advertisements which they have kindly sent us.

Mr. A. B. Sheraton, whose large advertisement appears today, does the largest trade in carpets of any merchant in New Brunswick. He is offering holiday bargains now in remnants, which those visiting St. John, with some money in their pockets, would do well to go in and see. He has also a lot of excellent pictures, fine engravings, &c., suitable for Christmas purchase.

Mr. J. Chipman Smith the oldest established druggist in New Brunswick, advertizes his excellent stock also in another column. We recommend dealers in the trade here, and our readers generally not to forget Mr. Smith when they go to St. John.

Those who wish to buy a stock of choice Xmas wines; or to lay in a household stock of pure liquors, will find advertised just what they want in another column, by Mr. T. Furlong of St. John, whose name is a guarantee for his goods.

Few people from the North go to St. John about the holiday season who do not want to buy china, glass and crockery ware. At Mr. F. Clementson & Co.'s, Dock Street, whose excellent establishment may be well called a model one in its line, they will get what they want. His advertisement we publish in another column.

The reputation Mr. John W. Nicholson has earned for keeping one of the most select stock of liquors to be found is the guarantee that what he advertizes in another column, has no superior in St. John.

Mr. M. A. Finn wine dealer of St. John by his affability and

courtesy has made himself a favorite. He has now many customers at the North, and the number should increase. He is a general wine and liquor dealer; and his advertisement is in another column.

Need we say a word for the Dufferin, whose reputation keeps it at the head of the hotel list in St. John? The proprietor Mr. Swett is at once the favorite of whoever meets him; and he now monopolizes about all the North Shore trade—and a large share of the travel from other quarters. His card is in another column.

Foremost among those who supply steam fittings, rubber belting, hose, iron pipe, oils etc. stands the firm of Messrs. Wisdom & Fish. By close attention to business and by ability to do their business, this firm has a standing in St. John that poor times cannot shake. Their advertisement is in another column.

TO COME.

The above shows how St. John regards the STAR as a circulating medium. We hope we shall still continue to merit the patronage of St. John, and to make our paper a still better medium for conveying the advertisements of its business men to quarters whence profits may flow. But this is not all St. John will do: at the New Year our list is to be increased—several others of the leading houses having promised then to send us yearly advertisements.

Those who apply for space in our paper in future will have to choose between the semi-weekly and the weekly STAR. The former is full now, but we may be able to transfer advertisements from it to the weekly. Our weekly has a column or so of space—that's all.

THE CONTRACT WITH THE SYNDICATE.

The agony is at length over, and the whole country now knows just what the terms of the contract between the Government and the Syndicate are. In another column we publish the gist of the contract; and we think our readers will prefer the gist in plain English to the three column legal dose. We think the construction of this great road, a work that will involve between one and two hundred millions should not be viewed from a party stand point, but from the wholesome and honest ground of a man who wishes his country well. Governments will go in and Governments will go out, parties will die and new parties be born. The men who now control the political destinies of this country will pass away, but their act with respect to this great work will make its effect felt for many generations to come. It is a poor citizen indeed, a most worthless man, who would sacrifice such a great interest of his country as this, to the fleeting interest of his party. In viewing it, we shall express our honest convictions.

And now a word upon the bargain as just disclosed in the Commons. A good deal of that bargain we would not see disturbed, a clause or two we would see erased. In the first place the idea of throwing the work on private shoulders seemed to us to be a good one; and for one reason only—namely that private companies can do as much work for 60 cents as Governments can for a dollar. Governments have too many needy friends to feed, too many supporters to provide for, and too many leeches to keep sucking. They must put three men where two men would do; and must create Superintendencies and boss-ships without number. They can't say "No;" for if they do most assuredly will the wheel again go round, and they will have no patronage to give or to hold. For this reason we favored the assumption of the building by a company and for no other reason: for he surely would be a fool to think a company would launch its money into an enterprise that a government composed of intelligent men, with means at its back, and the agents to create a trade for the road when built, would be afraid to undertake. But the one reason was sufficient, and therefore when we read that the bargain had been closed we joined in expressing our great satisfaction at the result.

Now the terms are before us, and as we have said, while we most certainly do approve the general terms of the bargain, there are clauses we would see struck out.

But then beggars can't be choosers, and when the ministers went to England it was with a view of shifting the load of building the road from the shoulders of Canada if possible. The work is a mighty work, and the world is not large enough to afford many companies with which the Government might treat. They found

one company, met them at Ottawa, and for weeks tried to make the terms better than we see them. It appears the company would "go back" had any concession in the contract been withheld.

The Government grant a cash bonus of \$25,000,000 and a land bonus of 25,000,000 acres, equivalent to \$75,000,000. This looks large, but when our readers consider how long it will be before these 25,000,000 acres can be converted into cash, they will not think the syndicate is getting such a wonderful sum. The St. John Telegraph weeps through two or three columns over this granting away of so much valuable land, but its editor belongs to the same tribe who tried to persuade the country but a year ago that our North-West lands were almost worthless. When Sir John McDonald in his speech last winter estimated that the lands along the line would build the road,—this before the idea of a syndicate was conceived—William Elder and a hundred other Grits in the country laughed at him. Now it appears it will take little more than half the land along the line, \$25,000,000 more than half, to build the road, and yet they howl against granting away of so much land.

We hope the Government will not allow the syndicate to call through the best of the lands, as the King Government allowed the N. B. R. R. Company to cull out all the best lands in our Province. This is one of the concessions we should like to see wiped off the contract—or a restricting clause set up against it.

We would like to see the Government retaining the railway, and compelling the company to work it—instead of making the same over to the company. We would like to see the right of building lines in any direction from the main line withheld from the company, because monopolies are always dangerous; and owning the one road and 25,000,000 acres will give the syndicate a very great monopoly.

We would like to see a clause something like this inserted: That so long as the road is the property of the syndicate it shall be efficiently run by the syndicate; and that in the event of the said syndicate failing to so run it, it be forfeited with all it inherits to the Government.

The Grits have looked upon this road as an impossibility, as they have looked upon the North-West as a worthless wilderness. They would all be gray, and dead and resurrected before they could make such a bargain; a feature or two only of which we do not approve, the balance coming up to our highest expectations.

We see in some of our American exchanges that the Syndicate above referred to has also undertaken the construction of the Northern Pacific, an American road, with a capital of \$40,000,000 for the undertaking. We earnestly hope this is not true, for the salvation of traffic over the Canada Pacific might depend on the rivalry of its next southern neighbor.

JUDGE KING—A QUEER APPOINTMENT.

CONTRARY to the wishes of the large majority of the people and the bar of the Province, contrary to the courtesy due the Government of this Province, and contrary to the right and equity of the case, they have appointed Mr. King Judge after all. The haste shown by the Government in making the appointment is something remarkable; indeed Judge Fisher could hardly have been sold, before Mr. King had been hurried into his shoes.

We presume Sir Leonard Tilley is in a measure to blame for this—on no other grounds can we account for it. Sir Leonard represents St. John, and this perhaps is a strong reason why every office of a provincial character in the gift of the Government must be filled by a St. John man. St. John's commercial influence thrown against the rest of the Province is dangerous enough, her political influence thrown in the same way makes her doubly dangerous. This is one strong reason why there should be more than one Cabinet representative from New Brunswick. Had there been when Judge Fisher died, Mr. King would not now be wearing the ermine.

Our Local Government as a whole supports Sir John McDonald's Government—then by courtesy the position belonged to the Provincial Attorney General: Mr. Fraser was to a great extent a better lawyer and fitter in every way for a judgeship than Mr. King—for these reasons the latter's appointment is all the more extraordinary.

Mr. King had an interest in the Sun—let us hope he will promptly take himself out of that association, and try to be, if he possibly can be, a man unconcerned in private interests, and an impartial Judge.

The opposition seem in a wretched plight at Ottawa this winter. They have courted issues twice this session already—and read in another column how they have stood on division!

THE SPIRIT OF LATEST DISPATCHES.

The Viceroy of India is growing worse.

Hiram D. Holbrook of Iowa, shot his little daughter in a sleeping car, and then shot himself.

The English press declare Ireland is hurrying on by strides and bounds towards a revolution.

It is said England is preparing to send 5,000 men to Ireland.

The Americans are now asking the British Government to protect their countrymen in Persia.

The Pope has conferred the hereditary title of Marquis on D. J. Murphy of San Francisco, for his service in the cause of religion in America.

The London Standard thinks since the Government will not grant coercion of Ireland, Forster should resign.

There is trouble in the British Cabinet. The Irish magistrates say they can't stop the current by reading the Riot Act. Then Forster and others insist on suspending the Habeas Corpus Act. Bright and Chamberlain say if this be done, they will resign—and that breaks Gladstone's Cabinet.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY DISPUTE.

A COUPLE of summers ago a lot of American fishermen, on a sabbath morning, cast out their nets, and contrary to the laws of the Island, began hauling fish to the shore. The Islanders turned out, threw the traps off land, made the Americans get on board their boats and packed them off. Ignorant though these Island fishermen were, they rightly interpreted the terms of treaty, but they unfortunately became the executors of it. Under the treaty of Washington, the American fishermen were granted concurrent rights with Colonial fishermen; but Colonial fishermen had no right to take fish, as the Americans were taking it on the Sunday in question. Therefore the Americans had not the right. This view of the case the secretary under the Beaconsfield Government took, but Earl Granville has seemed to have thrown the question open again for discussion, if he has not yielded a point; and it is just possible that Mr. Gladstone's Government will be awarding America something for Fortunate Bay Damages; which will help America to work of the yet undegusted Halifax award. The American government has neither Law nor Equity at the bottom of its demand for damages; but it has enough of Yankee cunning to know that so long as the British Government keep its doors open to the American representation of the case, it may hope with some reason for success.

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