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THAT OTHER BILL.
No better illustration could be afforded of the value of conservative party criticism than a comparison of the Tory newspaper comments upon the election bill passed in the local legislature eighteen months ago, and that now introduced by their friends at Ottawa. The two bills are in principle very similar. They each amend the procedure relating to election trials, and each makes it impossible to unseat a candidate upon grounds which the judges deem insufficient to have seriously affected the election. There is this difference against the dominion bill: that two judges must hereafter preside at the trials and must agree in their decision, otherwise the petition falls to the ground. Both bills are identical in this: that they do not say whether they are applicable to cases now pending or not. Our readers will recall the fierce denunciations heaped upon the local government measure. With one voice it was condemned by the opposition press as a reproach to provincial legislation and a disgrace to its promoters. It was a white-wash bill, and no honest man, no high-minded patriotic legislator could give it his countenance. But mark the change—a similar bill and in some respects a more objectionable one is introduced by Sir John Thompson at Ottawa, and the voice of the critic is hushed. Not a syllable by way of censure is heard. You search through your columns in vain to find Sir John denounced as "a disreputable time server," "the parent of disgraceful legislation." You hear nothing now of the government at Ottawa leaning to the left, or the opposition leaning to the right. Sir John Thompson has a petition to be tried against himself. Why does not the Sun get out its scolding knife and the Gleaner its pot of black paint? Why, we ask, is this thus?

NOT AT PRESENT.
That Sir Charles Tupper's scheme of imperial federation has not attracted more attention in Canada must be a sore grief to the high commissioner. It has not even been attacked. The scheme was brought out by our representative at the court of Saint James with much pomp and circumstance, and was promptly, we should say, promptly approved, by the council of the federation league here in Canada. It has neither evoked favor nor pronounced disapproval. There can only be one explanation of such a circumstance. The proposal of an imperial federation has not struck our people seriously, and, therefore, it is small concern to us what the thinking is being done in P. E. Island, five in number, at their own request had been attached to this high court. He offered valuable suggestions to secure increased interest and attendance at the court meetings, and closed with an account of his official acts during the past year. High secretary F. W. Emerson in his report referred to the act passed at the last session of the legislature authorizing the receiver general to receive \$50,000 on deposit, and stated that he had made arrangements to deposit \$30,000. During the past year eight new courts had been organized in the province and 385 members added. Nine members died, all of whose endowments had been promptly paid by the supreme court. He recommended that the office of provincial deputy organizer be continued for the ensuing year. High treasurer E. P. Eastman's report showed a balance of \$29,295 cash on hand. In the evening a public meeting was held in the rink, and addresses were delivered by prominent gentlemen of the order and others. The committee on the state of the order, through J. T. Hawke, recommended that a new charter be obtained for the island courts of New Brunswick and P. E. Island, that an associate editor of The Forester be appointed for the maritime provinces. The chief ranger appointed J. T. Hawke such editor. The supreme chief ranger conferred high court dinners on some seventy delegates and then gave to the court a \$20,000 cheque to be deposited with the receiver general of this province. The high standing committee presented a report on the state of the order, and a prize for increased membership. Owing to the enlarged field of labor of the provincial organizer that official's salary was increased to \$800 with expenses. About \$100,000 was increased to \$250 per annum, and the usual grant of \$50 was voted to the high chief ranger. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—High Chief Ranger—LeB. Coleman, St. John. High Vice-Chief Ranger—Judge Wedderburn, Hampton. High Secretary—F. W. Emerson, Petticoat. High Physician—Dr. Sprague, Woodstock. High Counsellor—A. W. Macre, St. John. High Auditor—S. A. Holstead, Salisbury, and W. Starratt, Elgin. Delegates to the Supreme court—E. W. Sprague, A. P. Sherwood, Judge Wedderburn, W. Kinghorn, LeB. Coleman and J. T. Hawke. At the evening session Summerside was selected as the place of meeting for the next year. The appointed officers are: Rev. Thos. Pierce, Joseph Reed, J. F. Stevenson, B. McManis, J. J. Clark, T. P. Grandville, W. Weldon, H. B. Allison, Judson Fowler. The officers elect were installed by H. C. Creed, P. C. R., assisted by A. W. Sherwood, P. D. Speeches were delivered by the newly installed officers. The high court unanimously decided to confer upon H. C. Creed, high chief ranger for the past five years, the grand cross of merit of honor, bestowed only upon those who have rendered distinguished services to the order. This is the first time the honor has been gained by any member in New Brunswick. The high court adjourned to meet in July, 1892.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
We have heard nothing for some time from the Gleaner about the Eben Hall outrage. Is it possible that there can be nothing in this transaction worth working up after all? We were informed by the local opposition press that the government mining bill was passed for the sole purpose of enabling members of the government to get possession of Mr. Hall's mine. Is it not about time that the crookedness of the government in this business were laid bare by our esteemed contemporary?

Reports from all parts of this county are to the effect that the hay crop will be above the average. Owing to the favorable season the crop has been well cared and will be of excellent quality.

The strike of the millmen in St. John is not yet fully settled. Two of the mill-owners, Messrs. Barnhill and Murray, have yielded and their men are at work; the others are still holding out. There is much in what the millmen say, and while millmen everywhere outside of St. John work ten and eleven hours they cannot complete working only nine hours. The strike has done serious injury already to St. John. The loss of the wages of 1500 men, not to speak of the pond, men and stevedores, the money circulation of that city, continued for upwards of a month, must be felt by business men in all departments of business. We would fear that lumber manufacturers might be driven out of St. John. Those manufacturing Anosook lumber especially have a great temptation to do as others are doing—cut their lumber in the state. Union organizations do not trouble them there and eleven hours makes the working day.

We are not without sympathy with laboring men in their efforts to improve their condition, but we doubt if under present circumstances they are wise to take this method. Millmen had better work ten hours than not at all, and there are many employers, as well as laborers, who would gladly get off with that. It requires no great acuteness to perceive that lumbermen are making no money, and for several years past have been unable to make both ends meet. It would seem, therefore, to be a most inopportune time for labor, which is dependent upon this industry, to increase the cost of production.

It is understood that the cattle importation to be made by the government this fall will come from Ontario. The department of agriculture has satisfied itself that purchases can be made of the required breeds from the breeders in Ontario upon better terms than in England, and without being subject to the expense and delay of quarantine. The government has distributed circulars among the officers of the agricultural societies throughout the province asking for suggestions as to the kinds of stock to be imported. The replies will be a guide to the government in making its selections of breeds.

DEATH OF JUDGE WATTERS.
Hon. Charles Watters, judge of the county and vice-admiralty courts, died suddenly at his residence, St. John Friday morning. For some days past he had been unwell complaining of pains across his chest. He failed to appear at the breakfast table, and on opening his room door he was discovered lying across the bed partially dressed, dead.

He became a member of the legislature of this province about 1855 as a representative of Victoria county, and a member of the executive council the same year. He shared, however, in the disaster that overtook his party in the general election on the prohibitory liquor question, but as colleague of hon. S. L. Tilley he took his seat again in the house in 1858, in which he sat for several subsequent sessions of the legislature. He was a member of the government, and as such became solicitor general of the province. During that time he practised law in St. John and was at the time of confederation, 1867, appointed judge of the county court. In 1870, on the death of the hon. Robert L. Hazen, he was appointed judge of the vice-admiralty court, both of which positions he held at the time of his death. Judge Watters was born in St. John, on November 29th, 1818. He was twice married his first wife being the daughter of John Doherty of St. John by whom he had a family of six, four sons and two daughters the latter being Mrs. McAvenny and Mrs. W. E. Collier. His second wife was the daughter of major Priestly of Fredericton to whom he was wedded about 1862. By her he leaves five sons and three daughters. The family are all living, although only two of the sons are in St. John, the others being scattered about Canada and the United States. Mrs. Watters who is now in Scotland, was to have left for home on the 13th of this month.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?
A decision was rendered the other day by one of the judges in England which threatens to cause a tremendous social upheaval. The judge decided that a house maid was not obliged to wear the conventional cap, and that a refusal to do this badge of servitude would not justify dismissal by her mistress. The matrons of the old country are up in arms, indignant letters are flooding the newspapers and the agitation promises to outdo even the interest in the recent Baccarat scandal.

THE FORESTERS.
Proceedings of the Annual Session of the High Court at Woodstock.

The high court, independent order of foresters of New Brunswick, opened its eight annual session on Wednesday afternoon in the temperance hall, with H. C. Creed, high chief ranger, in the chair. About 100 delegates, representing forty-seven courts, were present. High chief ranger Creed read his fifth annual report, showing the growth and present standing of this badge of servitude in New Brunswick. His report showed present membership to exceed 30,000 and reserve fund to exceed \$50,000. In New Brunswick there are now fifty-one courts, having a membership of 17,000. The different courts in P. E. Island, five in number, at their own request had been attached to this high court. He offered valuable suggestions to secure increased interest and attendance at the court meetings, and closed with an account of his official acts during the past year. High secretary F. W. Emerson in his report referred to the act passed at the last session of the legislature authorizing the receiver general to receive \$50,000 on deposit, and stated that he had made arrangements to deposit \$30,000. During the past year eight new courts had been organized in the province and 385 members added. Nine members died, all of whose endowments had been promptly paid by the supreme court. He recommended that the office of provincial deputy organizer be continued for the ensuing year. High treasurer E. P. Eastman's report showed a balance of \$29,295 cash on hand. In the evening a public meeting was held in the rink, and addresses were delivered by prominent gentlemen of the order and others. The committee on the state of the order, through J. T. Hawke, recommended that a new charter be obtained for the island courts of New Brunswick and P. E. Island, that an associate editor of The Forester be appointed for the maritime provinces. The chief ranger appointed J. T. Hawke such editor. The supreme chief ranger conferred high court dinners on some seventy delegates and then gave to the court a \$20,000 cheque to be deposited with the receiver general of this province. The high standing committee presented a report on the state of the order, and a prize for increased membership. Owing to the enlarged field of labor of the provincial organizer that official's salary was increased to \$800 with expenses. About \$100,000 was increased to \$250 per annum, and the usual grant of \$50 was voted to the high chief ranger. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—High Chief Ranger—LeB. Coleman, St. John. High Vice-Chief Ranger—Judge Wedderburn, Hampton. High Secretary—F. W. Emerson, Petticoat. High Physician—Dr. Sprague, Woodstock. High Counsellor—A. W. Macre, St. John. High Auditor—S. A. Holstead, Salisbury, and W. Starratt, Elgin. Delegates to the Supreme court—E. W. Sprague, A. P. Sherwood, Judge Wedderburn, W. Kinghorn, LeB. Coleman and J. T. Hawke. At the evening session Summerside was selected as the place of meeting for the next year. The appointed officers are: Rev. Thos. Pierce, Joseph Reed, J. F. Stevenson, B. McManis, J. J. Clark, T. P. Grandville, W. Weldon, H. B. Allison, Judson Fowler. The officers elect were installed by H. C. Creed, P. C. R., assisted by A. W. Sherwood, P. D. Speeches were delivered by the newly installed officers. The high court unanimously decided to confer upon H. C. Creed, high chief ranger for the past five years, the grand cross of merit of honor, bestowed only upon those who have rendered distinguished services to the order. This is the first time the honor has been gained by any member in New Brunswick. The high court adjourned to meet in July, 1892.

PERSONAL.
Concerning People Known to Most Readers.
Mr. Blackmer is visiting his home, Truro, N. S.
Miss Helen Mowat, of Montreal, is in the city visiting her friends.
Rev. B. N. Hughes, of Havelock, Kings county, is visiting friends in this city.
General Herbert, commander of the Canadian militia, is expected here shortly to inspect the R. S. L.
Miss Florence Armstrong, daughter of Thomas Armstrong, is home from New York visiting her friends.
J. A. Thompson, grand councillor R. T. of Temperance, left by yesterday afternoon's train for Hamilton, Ont., to attend the annual session of the dominion council on Tuesday next.
Attorney general Blair and F. H. Risteen left yesterday via the Canada Eastern, for a ten days trip to the Southwest Miramichi. They will be joined there on Monday by Clark Bell, of New York.

PILES OF BOODLE.
A Glance at Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s Contracts.

The Immense Profits They Made, and How the Boodle was Divided.

The Tarle-McGreavy committee having sat for nearly two months, a pretty fair outline of the history of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., its contracts and its quarrels, has been canvassed. It seems that the firm originally consisted of Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, and another partner named Nihan. Owen E. Murphy, an exile from the United States, bought Nihan out soon after the firm had commenced to build the Lewis graving dock, and from that moment became the leading spirit in the company. He looked after the contracts, devised means for securing them, and rewarded out of the firm's funds those persons who were worthy of donations. The firm has done a great deal of very important work. It has built the Lewis graving dock, the cross wall and south wall at Quebec; it has dredged the Louise basin, and it has completed the Esplanade graving dock. In the latter contracts Michael Connolly was a partner, and in all but one, namely, the Lewis dock contract, Robert H. McCreavy, who was not under the necessity of subscribing to the capital of the firm or of taking any risks, had a share.

The contracts on the whole have been remunerative. That which was the least profitable was the Lewis graving dock. The total cost of that work to the Quebec Harbor commission was \$718,372. The profits to the firm were \$80,000 divided among four partners and \$45,035 paid out in donations of one kind or another. The largest of these donations was a sum of \$22,000 which, according to Murphy, Thomas McGreavy got. If the firm did not make much at Lewis, it rolled in handsome profits upon the works across the river. Its receipts on account of the dredging were \$628,000; it received \$832,448 for building the cross wall and \$259,518 for building the south wall. Besides small sums of \$50,000, it received, which bring the total receipts from Quebec up to \$1,833,415. It is in connection with the dredging payments that one charge of extortion is founded. Mr. Perley reported favorably to an increase in the price for the dredging work, thirty-five cents a yard, just after Michael Connolly had written a memorandum stating that if the price were so raised the firm would pay \$25,000, meaning, according to Mr. Murphy's commentary, \$25,000 to Thos. McGreavy for his influence. The firm was allowed the increased price, and the sum of \$25,000 was paid out on the evidence of the account books to somebody who is not named. The firm appears to have had a slice of luck in its dredging operations, for while it is receiving thirty-five cents a yard for dredging and throwing the material into the river it was enjoying under another contract forty-five cents a yard for dumping this same dredged material upon an embankment. Thus it got eighty cents a yard for what formerly it drew but twenty-seven cents. But Martin P. O'Reilly intimates that, not satisfied with this good fortune, Murphy bribed inspectors to report that more material was dredged than was actually the case. The firm then profited by its dredging in three ways: first by the increased price, secondly by the combination of the embankment work with the dredging work, and thirdly by manipulating the inspectors. The cross wall contract is that the tendering for which was scientifically conducted. Three tenders were put in under the firm's auspices, one by Gallagher, a second by Beausage, and a third by the firm itself. Gallagher's, which was the lowest, was withdrawn. The next, Beausage's was lower than Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s. Murphy was to have paid Beausage \$5,000 to follow Gallagher's example, and to stand aside. But, by good fortune, Mr. Perley found a mistake in the contract, and suggested that he should remedy it. Beausage at once corrected his figures, thereby so increasing his price that his tender was a few thousands above Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s. Thereupon the firm received the contract. The contract price was \$633,000, but at completion the actual payments to the firm had reached \$832,448. Of the receipts it is charged that Thomas McGreavy received \$25,000. The south wall contract, which comes to \$259,518, is not the subject of a great deal of comment. It is lumped with the other work so far as irregular payments are concerned. Altogether, as already observed, the firm drew \$1,833,415 for its work in and around Quebec. Of this amount \$418,187 was profit and \$99,648 was spent in donations. The Esplanade graving dock contract is still more profitable work than the Quebec work. According to the contract and the original estimate of the work the cost was to have been \$374,580, but Mr. Perley and the minister permitted departures from the specifications. For example, larger courses of stone than were originally determined upon were authorized. The consequence of the resort to these larger courses was that much of the stone measured three times as much as was at first intended. At the same time the quantity of concrete required was reduced. By this change profitable work was increased and the less profitable work was diminished. The actual cost of the firm's work upon the dock was \$586,445, or \$212,000 more than the first estimate. The profits upon this work divided among the five partners aggregated \$240,000. In addition \$28,000 of which \$22,000 was said to have gone to Thomas McGreavy, was spent in donations. The gross profit on the Esplanade work appears to have been \$208,000, or almost half of the total sum paid by the government to the contractors. Altogether the firm cleared \$654,975, or \$3,138,234 worth of work.

It is estimated that the firm paid \$170,000 in boodle; but to this ought to be added Robert McGreavy's receipts. Robert put in no capital and rendered no services except such as came through his brother. His \$187,000 of profits were practically donations. Add the \$187,000 to the \$170,000, and we have a total distribution to the very generous firm of \$357,000. The largeness of the profits, it appears, were the cause of the present quarrel. The quarrel with Robert, calling his brother a thief and declaring that he was not getting a fair share of the proceeds. Robert then sued Thomas and Thomas sued Robert. Murphy sided with Robert, and consequently fell into disfavor with Thomas, who said he should have no more contracts and no more large profits. A new contract presented itself in the shape of the Kingston dock. Murphy tried for it and failed, for it went to the Connollys, who stood firmly by Thomas. Thereupon Murphy sided with Thomas. Thereupon Thomas sided with Robert. Robitaille and Mr. Tarte, and Mr. Tarte gave the whole story of Robert's woes and Thomas's receipts to the world. After this there was no stopping the developments, and as a consequence to-day we know what we know.

FIFTY SAW HIM TORTURED.
Henry Bartels Shocked to Death by Four Hundred Volts.

New York, Aug. 5.—Another victim has been claimed by the death electric current. In this instance a new horror and a new danger were made manifest last evening, when bartender Henry Bartels was instantly killed by the fatal fluid, which escaped from a small motor that runs some electric fans. The accident occurred in the saloon of Henry Piddell's. Bartels was reaching over the bar to get a cigar box. Witnesses to his horrible death say he had one hand on a part of the motor and the other on the automatic corkscrew attached to the metal bar. He was standing on a mat of iron netting that is always scalded with water, and this, in the language of electricians, would give him a ground connection. A crash was heard of breaking glass, and poor Bartels was seen clinging to the motor, writhing in agony, and going through the horrible tortures of death by electricity. A crowd escaped from his lips, and he was contorted with pain, a shudder ran through his frame and then he dropped to the floor behind the bar. Bartels was left where he was. Everybody was afraid to touch him. Fifty or sixty customers were in the saloon at this crowd, augmented by others from the street, flocked around the bar and peered over at the prostrate form on the iron mat. Some one had presence of mind to run for a doctor, and seven minutes after the accident Dr. J. P. Richardson arrived and pronounced the man dead.

WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA.
Women appear to be making great progress in many directions in Australia, and it is not to be wondered at, seeing that the tact, the nicety and the social discretion which are the distinguishing characteristics of the sex find there in such a field for exercise. Lady Martin, the widow of a judge in Sydney, is the daughter of the late "Billy Dong," a convict, who in his day was celebrated, and who, long after he had become rich and respectable, could not upbraid his coachman without the latter's turning on him with, "Why, sir, I once went to see you in Sing." You were reprieved only just in time.

A highly respected Australian, Mr. Dally, a memorial to whom was recently unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's London, was a convict's son and married a convict's daughter, and one of Sydney's leading lawyers is the son of a lady, now dead, who went out as a red rover girl. The "ladies," by the way, who were shipped in the red rover, murdered the ships doctor on the way out. So that, taking one thing with another, considering how careful one has to be in one's talk and what hazardous speeches men must be always making, it's not surprising women come to the front in Australia.

DEATH FROM STARVATION.
Madras, Aug. 6.—Although the monsoon set in some time ago in some parts of India, dispelling all fears of a failure of crops in that part of the country where rains had fallen, there has been no rain fall in Chingleput and North Arcot districts of this presidency.

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