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## IMMIGRATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK.

The article from the London Standard of Empire, which we reprint today, is interesting from two points of view. It confirms previous statements that Mr. Bowder, who has spent some months in Great Britain promoting farm immigration to New Brunswick, has not labored in vain. He is himself bringing out a party of one hundred from England by steamer sailing next week. Some of these are farmers coming with their families prepared to buy farms and settle. Others are coming without their families, intending to buy land, and then send for their households. Still others will engage as farm laborers with the view of acquiring land, or taking up grants, when they have become better acquainted with local conditions. All are associated in some way with farming interests. Mr. Bowder was after some men to cultivate the soil. A day later another similar party of sixty will sail from Glasgow, and a third will come within a few weeks.

We regard this as the beginning of an important movement. It has been many years since even so many as a hundred people came at one time from Great Britain, or any other country, to go on the land in this province. Such migrations were not unusual half a century ago or longer. Many prosperous settlements were established in that way, the original immigrants suffering hardships that the coming settlers will escape. These new comers will find cleared land to buy if they want it. If they are starting without capital or debt, and decide to make their own farms, they will not be obliged to go many miles from railways, and they will have highways past their door. They will find a cash market in this province for what they produce at double the price the old settlers got when they could find a purchaser. They will find schools and churches everywhere. It is still necessary for men on the land to work hard for what they get. This province does not welcome settlers who are afraid of work, unless they have the means to live in independent idleness. But it can promise to any farm settler who chooses his land wisely, and who works hard and well, that he will get what he works for.

The other interesting aspect of the article in the Standard of Empire is the recognition by a leading British journal of the fact that New Brunswick should be reckoned with as a field for emigration. For the last twenty years the Northwest has been in the front page of the London papers. Eastern Canada was in danger of effacement. Now we in the east are coming to our own again. The article reprinted from the Standard of Empire is a first page display with heavy headlines as a principal news feature. This shows that at least one of the journals which are taking the lead in discussing the Imperial problems, not only recognizes the advantages of New Brunswick for British settlers, but is anxious that they shall be made known where the knowledge will do the most good. In this way the British press is able to do such service to the eastern provinces as they have rendered to the west. The service done in this way by the Standard of Empire should not be forgotten.

## THE PARK APPROPRIATION.

It is evidently desirable that the city appropriation for the park should be regular and constant, so that the management should know what amount is available. The park is a city institution which will always require to be maintained. Probably there is no city in Canada which gets so much value as St. John for the expenditure made in this department. This city is so fortunate as to have a few exceedingly capable men of affairs who are willing to give their time and work gratuitously in this direction, while these and others have made generous gifts of land and money for the creation of the park and garden. If the whole had been a public charge from the beginning for capital and maintenance, the appropriation would be far greater than it is now, and the results would be much less. Now the men who look after the work on the park need to know before they lay out a programme what money will be available to carry it on. They cannot begin a work, like the foolish man in the Scripture illustration, without knowing whether they will be able to finish. Therefore it is desirable that this particular appropriation should be practically guaranteed, and it is considered that the statutory provision suggested at Fredericton is the best way to manage it. Some blame has been attached to the chairman of the bills committee for not consenting to this change when it was proposed in the legislative committee. The Standard does not propose to go into this matter further than to report its own understanding that the bill as submitted by the civic committee at Fredericton is the one authorized by the city council. Yet it seems safe to say that the council as a body, and the citizens as well, would approve of the adoption of the amendment whereby the statutory authority would be given to a fixed annual grant of \$4,000 for the park. This is the amount which has been paid in the past, and which is undoubtedly contemplated in the future, until the city can afford to appropriate a larger sum.

## THE PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION.

No administration can expect to escape criticism, "when everything is done about right." The Hazen ministry has no reason to complain of its experiences with the Opposition. Those who talk most violently seem to be the least willing to try to make good in the legislature the charges that they have made outside. A good deal of talk was made by the opposition on the address, but no amendment or vote of want of confidence was moved.

Some Opposition members were a little reckless on the budget debate, but again no amendment was proposed.

When the House went into supply it was found that after all the complaints about extravagance which had been made in the general discussion, no member proposed to reduce a single appropriation. All the Opposition suggestions were in favor of increases. The details of supply were all voted in a remarkably short time, compared with the period occupied with general statements in the budget discussion.

In the public accounts committee opportunity has been given to inquire into all items of last year's expenditure. The work is made easy by the full statements of the Auditor General, and the readiness of the heads of departments to produce all the accounts and papers in respect to the payments. It is wonderful how charges collapse when the light is turned on. For example there was much newspaper talk about the provincial hospital expenditure. When superintendent Anglin went before the committee with a full explanation of everything, they found the affairs so eminently satisfactory that the Opposition party has ever since been claiming credit for all the recent reforms in this institution.

The one matter on which any member has so far undertaken to propose a motion of want of confidence is the Valley Railway question. But here Mr. Tweeddale, who prepared and gave notice of a strong motion of this kind, rejected it himself before the time for making the motion, and so saved the legislature the trouble. He substituted a motion that had no particular point, and which he evidently brought forward to save his face, after his friends had shown him that his first resolution must be dropped.

## THE DURANT LAND EXCHANGE.

If the city's original arrangement with Mr. Durant was sound and prudent, it is not made the less so by his exchange of property with the Dominion government. It is claimed that the seven acres allotted to Mr. Durant for the purpose of the refinery is more valuable than the land that the government gives him in exchange for it. This would mean that Mr. Durant has made a bad bargain and the government of Canada a good one, so that the general public, as represented at Ottawa, has more and the private company has less than was intended. In any case the city would not have the property unless Mr. Durant failed to build the refinery, in which case only there may be some disadvantage to the city by the exchange. Hence it becomes the business of the law department of the city to see that the security is ample against such failure. Should the refinery enterprise go forward on the larger property, making it a busy place, and the Dominion government build a new and better wharf on the land it has acquired, the city would surely be just as well off as it would be with the refinery on the smaller lot and the larger property left as it is. Then if Mr. Durant makes use of the extra land that he has acquired, to establish other industries or enterprises subject to regular taxation, that will not be a cause of offence.

So we come back to the first proposition that if the Durant bargain was good in the first place it is still good. There may be a question of courtesy toward the mayor in the fact that Mr. Durant did not keep the city authorities posted from time to time concerning his negotiations at Ottawa. But as the transaction is subject to the approval of the council, and is therefore only conditional and tentative, the city had afterward all the opportunity that it could have had if daily bulletins had been submitted. Mr. Durant may have beaten the government, or the government may have beaten Mr. Durant in this deal, but the city stands about where it did before the swap was made.

## DR. GEORGE MURRAY.

The death of Dr. George Murray, literary editor of the Montreal Star, and editor of the Weekly Standard of that city, removes one of the most cultured of Canadian men of letters. Dr. Murray does not leave much to hold a place in permanent literature. While he published a volume of poems, and a number of single poems and essays, most of his work was done for magazines or newspapers. The man who makes this use of his gifts and knowledge, gains less fame, but confers greater benefit on his own generation. Dr. Murray was, perhaps, the best authority in Canada on books and authors. That is he knew more than anyone else about most writers and their works. He was also a brilliant critic, both as to form and substance of writings. If it were said that he was the best authority in the Dominion on Latin poets, the statement would probably not be contradicted.

The Alberta situation is variable. Premier Rutherford did not offer his resignation as first reported. He did offer it later, but the Lieutenant Governor did not accept the offer, explaining that the government had a majority of eight at the last division, and therefore had no excuse for giving up office. Next day the position of the governor was weakened by the decrease of the government majority to three. Also most of the premier's colleagues have resigned, and it is rather a hard contract for him to keep on leading a government which does not exist. Under these circumstances it is probable that Governor Bulyea has let Mr. Rutherford off before this time.

The Philadelphia strike is connected, by the Cleveland Leader, with Philadelphia graft. This connection is that the people of the city have for years endured the tyranny of a monstrously corrupt and shameless municipal machine. All this has been accepted by an inert people, unwilling to make an effort to purify its government. It was to be expected that corruption should befall the public service corporations, and poison their relations with the city government. The New York Nation, following in the same line, says that the traction companies no less than the employees are victims of alliance with political gangs. In the end the company does not even get police protection from the political parties to which it must contribute.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson takes the government naval bill with about as much enthusiasm as the average boy shows when told to go to bed.—Ottawa Journal.

Reports from the St. Stephen Bank situation are reassuring to depositors, and stimulate the hope that shareholders may escape the double liability.

The Philadelphia strike grows steadily and rapidly worse. A large proportion of the working population is taking a sympathetic interest.

Probably there is no city in Canada which can show a larger birth and death rate in newspapers than St. John.

As yet there is no sign that the senators propose to throw out the Canadian navy bill.

Ottawa despatches indicate that Clan Campbell and Clan McLean are resuming a hereditary feud, which has been intensified by modern occurrences.

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## THE AWAKENING

Cometh a whisper of waking,  
Cometh a quiver of birth:  
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Its way with the earth.

There's a stirring of sap in the bushes,  
A flicker of gnats in the air,  
A marvel of bud-life that pushes  
From the branches still bare.

Birds are birds with the mating;  
Woodlands no longer are dumb;  
Primroses, violets awaiting  
A message to come.

Here mid the din and the aching,  
Here in the fog and doubt,  
Cometh a whisper of waking,  
Calling me out.

Out from the struggle that wages,  
Out from the sterile and sore,  
Forth where the wonder of ages  
Worketh once more.  
—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Josh Wise Says**  
"Th' man who tells how a thing oughter be done ginerly gits through tellin' 'bout th' time somebody 'as finshed doin' it."  
Rather.

"Smith's new suit is a perfect poem, isn't it?"  
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Squelched.  
Jawback—Our son doesn't get his brains from you.  
Mrs. Jawback—No; I confess he must have got 'em from you. At least somebody got yours—if you every had any.

How Else.  
Mrs. Smith—You may say what you like about the Wilsons having \$100,000 left them, I don't believe a word of it.  
Mrs. Smith—Why not, my dear?  
Mrs. Smith—Because they are so polite to everybody.

Farmyard Millinery.  
My wife, I very greatly fear,  
Has caught the craze of "Chantecler." For lately I have seen, with dread,  
The strangest things upon her head.

Last week—it gave me quite a shock!  
She wore a five-clawed Dorking cock.  
With wings, and tail, and comb complete,  
And, thus adorned, walked down the street!

Since then she's had the nerve to don  
A motherly Buff Orpington.  
"Oh, wear not that!" it will imply  
That I am hen-pecked!" pleaded I.

Next day—I never was so struck!—  
She crowned her tresses with a duck;  
I shuddered with a nameless chill  
When, later on, I saw the bill.

Then, roused at last, I rose in wrath,  
And cried, "Bring all those bonnets  
And wear what suits you best—a  
goose!"  
—Truth.

A dog was sold for \$8,500 in Boston a few days ago. Are they eating dog-meat in Boston, too?—Exchange.

Not The Same.  
"What do you call your mule, uncle?"  
"You mean what's his name, boss, or what Ah calls him,"—Houston Post.

Give And Take.  
"I never argue against a success," said Josh Billings. "When I see a snail stickin' his head out of a hole I bear off to one side and say that there hole belongs to that there snail."

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