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**The Evening Star.**

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.

FREDERICTON, APRIL 15, 1880.

There is nothing so important in a public man, especially if he be the leader of a party, as backbone.

**ECONOMY.**

We do not suppose that in the whole alphabet of political watch words, upon anyone, has a greater number of unscrupulous and profligate politicians ridden to power, than upon the word Economy. Economy is a word that will never die, though hacked and hackneyed; it will be good to do duty for small bore politicians and public plunderers so long as the world lasts. It is of no political creed, and belongs to no particular era; and no matter what the modern notion of politics, it is always in fashion. It is in 90 cases out of a hundred a hack, a hollow cry, and those who use it are dangerous men.

He who has fattened on the public spoils, and by an indignant people been compelled to disgorge, retires, and stork like hides his head while the storm prevails, on quiet being restored is to the front again, and his old sins are forgotten in his new professions. He reminds one of the arch disturber in the crowd, shouting out, "Peace, boys Peace."

But this our readers will tell us is only general reasoning, is unworthy a "live editor," and perhaps it is.

We shall be specific, and our object is to show the gulf that lies between the precept and the practice of the mouths who bore the house, and disgust the public, preaching their cheap economy on every question that arises.

At the last general election in Westmorland, no one preached economy with a louder mouth than did Amasa E. Killam, though shortly before he had gorged himself on night hall the bridges of the Province. He is careful over expenses that does not come to his capacious pocket, and though he howled against erecting a new building here for \$70,000, we venture to say that within the past eight years he has received an equal amount himself for misbuilding bridges. Let those who doubt us consult the journals, those who don't want the journals let them ask the country. Go to Madawaska and the Frenchman knows it, go to Charlotte and it is on every ones tongue, go where you will the Province over, and you find Killams name execrated with rotten piers, and squandered moneys.

Who bores the House and wastes the time of the Legislature by monologues on economy as Mr Black does? Yet when the Government shows a disposition to abolish a fifth-wheel office, the Assayer in Westmorland, who opposes it? Mr Black. Here was a case where economy might be properly exercised, because the abolition of a useless office was proposed; and here Mr Black steps to the front and says, No. We hope the gentlemen of the Legislature don't forget these things.

Gregory & Blair arose in their place and denounced the Government for the \$16,000 expended on the Vice-Regal reception, yet some of the expenditures were made at the instance of Andrew G. Blair. At least so said the Chief Commissioner in the House; to which Mr Blair said not a word.

Robert J. Ritchie, that very small legal concern, rebuked the Government for their extravagance, but he thought

the Vice-Regal reception expenses were all right and that the list should never have been made public. Do our readers know, do our M. P. P.'s know, why Mr Ritchie thought the Vice-Regal expenses light and that the list should not have been published? We will tell them. That infamous liquor item, that \$1000 for rum, was made at the instance of Robert J. Ritchie, who, having been granted permission by the Government to select the necessary liquors, put that amount in the way of a friend of his in St John who keeps a rum store. This is the kind of a little person we ought to have for Solicitor General, is it? He has been President of the Temperance Union of New Brunswick for years, and yet nothing less than \$1000 worth of liquors in his judgment would do for the Vice-Regal visit! Isn't he a nice concern to speak of economy? Isn't he a wholesome combination to rebuke a Government for extravagance; isn't he a little fellow of whom the liquor dealers of St John should be justly proud!!

Mr Lindsay who has never been guilty of a generous deed in his life, talked hour after hour on economy, but he put \$300 into his pocket, which he had no right to, for overseeing a Carleton County bridge, for all that. This is really what "economy" amounts to viewed in the light of practical facts.

**MIRAGES.**

We suppose our learned readers have often read of the hateful mirage that tortures and torments the famishing and tired traveller as he journeys on through the desert of burning sands. The story may be repeated. The day is burning hot and the cruel sun glares down upon the weary traveller. His tongue is parched and swollen with thirst, his legs refuse any longer to bear his tottering frame. But of a sudden he sees spread out before him a lake of sparkling water, or a date tree spreading out its branches and hanging with luscious fruit. He bounds ahead to revel in the one or to appease his hunger from the other while enjoying its refreshing shade; but lo! it is a cruel mockery; there is neither lake nor date tree, nothing but the cheerless, burning desert; and he thinks the horrid geni of this dread place have been making cruel sport of him.

So too with Mr Patrick Ryan, the would-be Surveyor General. He sees a treasure located in the County of Gloucester, a Crown Land scandal, but when he comes to revel in it, lo! it disappears. Last night he took up the Reports and in the Bye-road list another mirage appeared in the shape of \$150 not accounted for, but at one word of explanation it faded away as does the refreshing date tree on the burning desert.

Mr J. Canard Barbarie, who is less responsible for his actions than nature is, has also discovered a mirage in the shape of an over-expenditure in Restigouche; but doubtless at the touch of enquiry, this *bon bouche* will fade away like the rest into thin air.

Mr. Elder too sees every now and again a mirage, and he chases it eagerly as an eight year old boy would a butterfly. At a late debate, he saw one located at Government House, in the shape of \$500 worth of flowers left by Sir Leonard Tilly; but at a word of explanation from the Attorney-General it too disappeared. The eagerness with which Mr. Elder was taken up with this delusion was to say the least undignified.

Be it remembered with all we have said against Mr. Elder, with all that we have yet to say against him, and with all his censures of us, while others read their newspapers in the public cars, we believe he is not made of quite such stuff as many in the House. It may be Mr. Elder's nature is too fine, and therefore is not fit for the rough wear and tear of life; just like gold 24 carats fine, is far less desirable in ring or chain, than gold mixed with a little baser metal. We leave this speculation here; and only have found ourselves justified in indulging in this strain by having seen Mr. Elder make so many attempts at changing his ground. But we may say his sharp enquiries into the \$500 paid Governor Tilly for furnishings to the conservatory, were hardly decent, considering that he and Sir Leonard are political enemies.

**HELD OVER.**

A friend has been writing us a short sketch of the life and composition of an old female from the Legislative burlesque, Mrs Robinson. We shall be delighted to publish it in our next.

There is another old woman in the same pound, that antiquated Hibernian female, Mrs McInerney, of whose uneventful, unimportant career we have also a few extracts; but it is hardly worth our while to waste our space in this direction. Therefore, about the only biography that ever will be written of this venerable female has been consigned to the waste basket.

**WHAT A WILD NEWSPAPER SAYS.**

Talk about what the wild waves say, they never talked half so much at random as does that indecent sheet that supports the Killam-Gregory & Blair faction. That paper as we have often said, gives evidence of a certain degree of "smartness" in the editor, but truth is as great a stranger to it as is literary finish to its ravings. Hear what it says to-day, for example:

Whereas Messrs Hanington and Landry were both given seats in the Government on the strength of their being supported by Messrs Killam and Black, they are not now able to bring to the Government a single supporter, either from Westmorland or any other County. The reason is obvious. Westmorland is against them on the question of the proper place for the seat of Government.

This statement is unworthy of decent notice, but it shows the worth of the statements of the paper making it. Months before the question of the seat of Government came up, at all Mr Killam had seceded from the Government and threatened them with annihilation; and as to Mr Black, his attitude is precisely the same as it was last winter.

**THE GRAND SOUTHERN—AND A DECENT NEWSPAPER.**

It is held by eminent lawyers that the Grand Southern is not yet dead, but only sleeping; and the following section will afford the *pubulum vite* if no other does. All Corporations whose charters, after they shall have gone into operation, shall expire by their own limitation, or be annulled by forfeiture or otherwise, shall nevertheless be continued as bodies corporate for the term of three years after the time when they would have been dissolved, for the purpose of prosecuting or defending suits by or against them, and of enabling them to settle and close their concerns, to dispose of and convey their property, and to divide their capital stock.

The *Telegraph* whose virtues after all are stronger than its vices, referring to this section says: It is just possible, despite the harsh, cruel and, as we believe, the unjust and almost unprecedented act of the Council that the Government and the Legislature may be bound and the company protected by this very section.

And we have not the slightest doubt about it. As the *Telegraph* said the other day, injustice can triumph but for a brief time; in this age of equity, Right will come out triumphant. The action of the Council is the basest piece of legislation ever perpetrated in the British Dominions, and notwithstanding how eager the people of this country are for economy, they will not for the sake of the money saved, tolerate such a hideous act as the Council has been guilty of.

The *Sun* has thrown off its mask of friendship for the *Telegraph*, and in every issue makes some mean insinuation against Mr. Elder. In one issue we are told Mr. Elder is truckling to the Government, and insincere in urging the claims of St. John, in another issue he is charged with speaking one way about the Grand Southern Railway, and writing another way. Yet it is only a few days since the same paper tried to make Capital out of a few careless strictures passed on Mr. Elder by the *STAR*. The sheet to which we have referred above, has disgusted both parties here. It is never spoken of save with contempt by the Government, few of whom read it, and with pettishness by the Opposition whose cause it is hopelessly destroying. It is abusing Members whose course has been consistent and independent in every issue. It tries to insult Mr. White of Carleton-to-day, because that gentleman spoke out like a man a day or two ago. It has abused the members of Charlotte, it has libelled Mr. McManus and Kenny (and by the way these gentlemen are about entering proceedings against it); it has lampooned every member of the Government, has vilified Mr. McLellan, a truer man than whom never adorned our New Brunswick Legislature; it has meanly insinuated that Mr. Elder is playing into the hands of the Government, in the St. John matter while nothing could be more untrue. It has supported Mr. Killam through thick and thin, and acted as the willing sink for all the political excrement of that party "at whose head is Gregory and Blair, at whose front is the notorious Amasa E. Killam."

It has done one good act: it has lampooned Mr Marshall; and ne'er did any legislative incubus more richly deserve it: never did vanity require more a little shedding of its blood.

TURNING TRAITOR TO HIS PARTY—SOMETHING FOR SIR LEONARD TILLEY.

For this vile sheet to support A. G. Blair is to support Gregory & Blair. But Gregory will be a candidate for the Dominion at the next election, and he is a *Grit*; and his other one-eighth, Blair is also a *Grit*. This is surely an unholy alliance; a disgraceful spectacle! A vampire editor fed by railroad printing and Government advertisements, leaguering himself with the enemies of the men supporting him; turning him-

self against Messrs Fraser, Landry Hanington, Adams, all Conservatives to the backbone!! The *Sun's* blind and ignorant impulsiveness has put itself into nice straits. We call Sir Leonard's attention to the fact.

**"LOOK ON THIS PICTURE, AND ON THIS."**

See Mr. McLellan as one picture, knowing how to hold his tongue when there is not an occasion for talking, but when the occasion does arise, at his post, a credit to himself, and a credit to St. John. Look upon Mr. Ritchie as the other picture, always opening his mouth at the wrong time, and talking of subjects he knows nothing about; despised as much as possible by his enemies, and only tolerated by those on the same side with himself.

Hear Mr. McLellan stand up and combat, and vanquish too, a man who has horded many an ill gotten thousand from bridges; hear Mr. Ritchie get up and on the same subject talk till he disgusts every one in the House!

See the one practical, sound headed admirer by all; the other impractical gabby, vain, and tolerated only by those in the same water-logged boat with himself. Never was there a greater contrast between two pictures!

**GREGORY & BLAIR'S LATEST MOVE.**

(We may say it is painful to us to have to print the name of the above firm so often in a newspaper so dear to us as the *STAR*.) But what we wish to say is that Mr. Ryan acting on the advice of the above firm, has changed his base. He has been in labor the past three weeks and produced Vacuum. He has charged the Crown Lands Department with maladministration, but all the witnesses he has examined have failed to bring about anything but his own confusion, and the malice of Gregory & Blair.

But what has Mr. Ryan done now, by the instructions of this better-not-be-spoken-of-firm? He has sent away for another witness named Power, who lives in Bathurst and works with Burns, Adams & Co., for the purpose, he says, of getting some more information. The real purpose is to keep the case in slings that it may not be concluded before the House rises; that Mr. Ryan may escape a humiliating position, and that Hon. M. Adams may be obliged to bear till next winter upon his shoulders, this load of calumny!

The Government has never been stronger than now, never had its measures more fully endorsed; but never was a Government more grossly slandered by a hungry press.

We may say that—but for the regard we have for Hon. Michael Adams, who steps in between us and Mr. Ritchie, we would scourge the latter worthless, deceitful little politician, till his friends could not recognize him.

How it does delight us, and how it delights every honest man, to hear the Provincial Secretary "take charge" of such men as Mr. Killam!

The Government is supported by every member in the House except six, in asking for new buildings!

**KARNER'S CATARRH REMEDY!**  
WITHOUT exception the best treatment in use for all diseases of the Throat and Head. Best testimonials given if required. Price \$2.00 a package. Sold only by WILMOT GUIOU, General Agents for Canada. Feb. 3, 1880.

**CHEAP SALE**  
AT  
**GUIOU'S Variety Store!**

During the next THIRTY DAYS GOODS WILL BE SOLD  
AT COST

FOR CASH to make room for Fall Stock. British and American Silver taken at the face for goods.  
WILMOT GUIOU  
Fredericton, Oct. 14th, 1879.—if

**FOR SALE!**  
THE Subscriber offers for sale his farm, situate in Hammond, Hillsdale, Kings Co., on the New Line Road leading to Sussex. It is just ten miles from Sussex, 9 miles from Norton Station, and 7 miles from Saint Martins Railroad. It contains 50 acres, on which are a well stocked orchard, a comfortable dwelling house, with woodshed attached, a barn and a workshop; besides a first-class water privilege. The whole can be bought for Six Hundred Dollars.  
JESSE SHERWOOD,  
Hammond, Hillsdale, Kings Co.  
Nov. 27, 1879.—if

**CUTLERY.**  
1 CASE American Table Cutlery, For sale low by  
JAMES S. NEILL,  
Fredericton, Oct. 14, 1879.

**TO LET.**

THE House on Queen Street, opposite the Brayley House, at present occupied by Dr. Currie; also, the two stores or offices in same building, occupied by W. C. Brown, J. P. and Miss Davidson. Also, the lower flat of the House on Campbell Street, occupied by Mr. Geo. H. Simmons. Possession given 1st of May.  
RAINSFORD & BLACK.  
F'ton, Jan 31, 1880.—if

**TO LET.**

THE Store and Dwelling House on King Street, and lately occupied by the late John D. Rainsford. The stand is a good one for carrying on a Town and County trade. The accommodation in connection with the property is as follows:—A large Store fronting on King Street. Also, a small Store adjoining, suitable for Mechanic Shop or any small business. There is also a large Back Store and Woodshed and Barn attached.  
JOHN MACKAY.  
Feb. 3.—2mos. FAR REP SINS.

**TO LET.**

A House situate on St. John Street, at present it occupied by Mr. Joseph Winslow. Can be seen at any time. For particulars apply to  
MR. T. McCARTY,  
Regent Street.  
F'ton, Feb. 26, 1880.—if

**TO LET.**

A HOUSE with Barn and Garden, attached on Charlotte Street, adjoining Robert McDonald, Esq. Also, Shop and Flat on Regent Street. Also a Flat on George Street.  
D. CASEY.  
F'ton, March 4, 1880.—if

**TO LET.**

THE SHOP at present occupied by ANDREW ANDERSON, Esq., opposite the New Post Office. Apply to  
P. McPEAKE.  
F'ton, Jan. 27.—Far Rep

**HELP WANTED.**

Authors' MSS. immediately placed, if available to any publisher. Journalists, correspondents, Teachers, &c., desiring various engagements may address—  
THE BUREAU OF LITERATURE  
37 Park Row New York.

**FREEDOM FOR SALE.**

A LOT 132x40 feet, and House dam aged by fire; corner of Brunswick and Carleton Streets.  
THOMAS JONES,  
Carleton Street.  
F'ton, Feb. 19, 1880.—1m

**LAND FOR SALE**  
IN  
**YORK & SUNBURY.**

FOR SALE on reasonable terms several FARMS and LOTS of LAND in and near Fredericton. Also, a valuable Farm near Fredericton Junction, Sunbury County, comprising a large quantity of Intervale. Apply to  
RAINSFORD & BLACK,  
Carleton St., Fredericton  
Fredericton, Sept. 18, 1879.—

\$66 a week in your own town. Terms and 50 cents fee. Address: H. HALLAM T & Co., Portland Maine.

**TO LET.**

THE SHOP at present occupied by MR. SAMUEL OWEN in the subscribers building, Queen Street. Possession given 1st of May. Apply to  
MR. E. W. MILLER.  
F'ton, Jan. 27, 1880.—if

**Lemont's Variety Store**

**CHRISTMAS**

FANCY GOODS, 63 Styles and Sizes of dressed and Undressed DOLLS. A very fine and large collection of Bohemian, German and English China and Porcelain Fancy Cups and Saucers. Christmas Cards in Profusion of many styles. Wood Toys, Tin Toys, Glass Toys, at  
LEMONT'S VARIETY STORE.  
Dec. 2.

**TO RENT.**

THAT large and commodious House on King Street, adapted for one or two families, or a Private Boarding House, with large Barn and out-buildings attached. Belonging to Walter G. Broderick. Apply to  
C. BRODERICK.  
F'ton, Feb. 24, 1880. if

**JAMES BOONE,**

**HARNESS MAKER,**  
Berry Landing, Saint Mary's, York County, N. B.  
Harness, Bibles, Saddles, Whips, etc.  
Orders promptly attended to on reasonable terms. Repairing executed in a satisfactory manner.  
Oct. 28, 1879.—6 mos.

**House To Let.**

MY BRICK HOUSE on Brunswick A Street, occupied at present by A. A. Sterling, Esq. The House and premises are in first-rate order, making it a very desirable residence.  
F'ton, Jan. 27, 1880. if D. LUCY

**TO RENT**

3 ORGANS to Rent at  
LEMONT'S VARIETY STORE.  
F'ton, April 6, 1880.—if

**NEW FURNITURE.**

Arriving Weekly, at  
LEMONT'S VARIETY STORE.  
F'ton, April 6, 1880.—if

**MARBLÉS.**

60,000 MARBLÉS, all kinds Wholesale and Retail.  
LEMONT'S VARIETY STORE  
F'ton, April 6, 1880.—if

**LADIES,**

**BUY THE BACK-SUPPORTING CORSET,**

THOSE WHO HAVE  
Constructed so as  
to give support to the  
Back.



WORN THEM RECOMMEND THEM VERY HIGHLY.

For sale by  
**F. B. EDGECOMBE.**  
Fredericton, April 10, 1880.

**CLOSING BUSINESS!**

The subscriber intends closing his Business in this City on the  
**First Day of May next.**  
Goods will be sold at prices that will insure a  
**COMPLETE CLEARANCE**  
of the whole stock by that date. Gentlemen who may require  
**CUSTOM CLOTHING**  
Made in the best manner have an opportunity  
**TO PROCURE THE SAME AT LOW PRICES**

All who are owing the subscriber are requested to call and pay, and all who hold accounts against me will please present the same for payment.

**P. McPEAKE.**

P. S.—Shop Furniture including Plate Glass Mirrors, Reflecting Mirrors and a very large Fire Proof Safe will be sold at a Bargain.  
Fredericton, February 17, 1879.

**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:  
28 CASES  
Choice Books  
and Fancy Goods  
and Toys 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 DOLL, 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.

**The "Boss" Place**  
—TO BUY—  
**CHRISTMAS GOODS**  
—IS AT—  
McMurray & Fenety's

**M'MURRAY & FENETY.**  
P. S.—Our stock of Scriot. Books will be sold, in future as in the year, at the lowest prices.  
Fredericton, December 9, 1879.