

The Evening Telegram

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MR. WINTER AS THE PARTY LEADER.  
The Speaker Not at All Satisfied.

It seems that Attorney General Winter will be back from Washington in time to take charge of the Assembly at the opening of the session, after all. Some of his friends feared that he would be detained by the Commission until the end of February, and consequently not a little anxiety was felt about the matter. Of course with Premier Thorburn in the Old Country and Mr. Winter doing duty as a delegate in the United States at the same time, the situation in the Lower House would be extremely awkward, to make the best of it.

More than that: a meeting of the Legislature wouldn't be a meeting at all without the genial presence of the man who now wears the title of Attorney General. There would be no absurd measures introduced, no unnecessary and prolonged debates, no loss of valuable time and opportunities to legislate for the public good, in the absence of Mr. Winter. And so, you see, reader, instead of carrying out his original intention of hibernating at Ottawa, he has decided to come right home and assume the leadership of the Party.

Whether Premier Thorburn's lieutenants—Messrs. McNeily and Scott—are willing to work with the Acting Leader is a question we are not prepared to definitely answer. The impression, however, appears to be that they are not. Speaker McNeily, folks say, is by no means satisfied with the turn things have taken. Whenever the matter is alluded to he looks terribly fierce and shakes his head in a wonderfully portentous manner. It is "a caution to critics" to see the First Commoner when his anger is fairly kindled. We witnessed a demonstration of this gentleman's volcano-like wrath on one occasion in the House of Assembly—we believe it was during the premiership of the late Mr. C. F. Bennett—and 'tis not in our meek and gentle nature to desire such a sight again. If the angels didn't weep at the fantastic tricks he (Mr. McNeily) played on that memorable evening,—well, then, they are not the sensitive celestial spirits Shakespeare represents them to be. Anyhow, "he swore by the beard of Confucius" and gave utterance to many other classical quotations, not to be found in Lord Bacon's Aphorisms, and seldom used except by people who are in the habit of writing on "Politics and Morality." But it won't do to be too captious: there are times when the anger of even the First Commoner will scintillate and condescend before the "Conscript Fathers." It was so during the siege of Troy, when one of the allied princes was compelled to say to a noisy, obtrusive fellow in the Assembly—

"Be silent, wretch, and to thy betters yield,  
Unknown alike in council or in field.  
Ye gods, what dastards would our host command,  
Sworn to a bar the number of a land.  
Be still, thou slave, and think not here allowed  
That worst of tyrants an usurping crowd."

We say it was so in the days of Priam and Hector. Why, then, shouldn't it be so, also, in the later days of Winter and McNeily? But be that as it may, it was rumored around Judge Prowse's department before the court opened this morning that the aforesaid First Commoner felt a good deal exercised last night over the probable assumption of the leadership by Mr. J. S. Winter. During a lull in the storm that raged and thundered outside, "Mac" was heard to mutter between his firmly set teeth ominous sentences something like the following: "I'm not going to be consulted in that way. If Mr. Winter and his friends expect to lead me by the nose, *nece prece, nece pretio*, they'll find they're reckoning without their host." On another occasion he expressed himself to the effect that he'd "rather be a kitten and cry mew than play second fiddle in James S. Winter's orchestra." And thus the Damon and Pythias of bygone days are divided and not likely ever to be united again.

Now for a brief reference to Premier Thorburn's second lieutenant and his attitude towards Mr. Attorney General Winter. Mr. Scott is a prominent representative in Newfoundland to-day of one of the finest old families in the Emerald Isle. His ancestors, for many generations, were great patriots, but always, even in the most turbulent times, noted for their prudent conduct and law-abiding disposition. O'Hara McGrath, in referring to some of the family records now in his possession, says: "The Scotts were always 'strongly bound to the Church and to their beloved country. Not one of them, as far

as I can learn, was ever connected with an unlawful or questionable organization. Peep-o'-Day Boys, Fenians, Moonlighters and all other dangerous societies were objectionable to them, and it is needless to say that they had no sympathy whatever with Orangeism."

With such a genealogical tree before him, is it any wonder that Mr. P. J. Scott looks with suspicion upon such shady political characters as Mr. J. S. Winter? The wonder is that he has managed to "co-operate" with Mr. Winter so long. There must be a marvellous blending of Orange and Green in some direction to admit of such a thing as "co-operation" at all. The idea of a Scott of ninety or a hundred years ago sitting in caucus with a Provincial Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Association! Why, it would have been a moral, as well as a physical, impossibility, and no one knows that better than the present Mr. Scott himself. Is it to be assumed from this that he has lost all the grand old family characteristics alluded to? Certainly not. Well, then, where is the ground for believing that Mr. Winter and Mr. Scott are not at this moment watching each other's movements with a view to a decisive political combat on the first favorable opportunity? For the life of us, we can see no such ground. On the contrary, it is obvious to the most superficial observer that Mr. Attorney General Winter, as the Acting Leader of the Government, is not likely to receive a very hearty support from either Mr. McNeily or Mr. Scott.

READINGS AND MUSIC.

Another Delightful Evening at the Athenaeum.

"I seem through consecrated walks to rove,  
I hear soft music die along the grove:  
Led by the sound, I roam from shade to shade,  
By godlike poets venerable made."

ANOTHER delightful evening is in store for us at the Athenaeum Hall, and we take this early opportunity of making the fact known to our readers, many of whom are deeply interested in the welfare of that excellent institution. The energetic committee, it will be noticed from the Secretary's advertisement elsewhere, have succeeded in preparing a charming programme, consisting of readings and music—vocal and instrumental. In the rendition of this programme, some of our very best local warblers will assist, and all will be under the immediate direction of Mr. A. Barrett, the talented organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Nothing is more enjoyable than an hour or two in such a hall and with such an accomplished corps of performers on the platform. As Bishop Beveridge remarks:—"That which I have found the best recreation to my mind and body, whensoever either of them stands in need of it, is music, which exercises at once both my body and soul. It calls in my spirits, composes my thoughts, delights my ear, recreates my mind, and so not only fits me for after business, but fills my heart, at the present, with pure and useful thoughts; so that when the music sounds the sweetest in my ears, truth commonly flows the clearest into my mind."

It is to be hoped, then, that the entertainment on Monday night will be liberally patronized by the public generally, and that the interest in the Athenaeum may be sustained all through the season. The general admission is ten cents, as usual; but numbered reserved seat tickets, at twenty cents each, may be had at the Library.

CAPTAIN KYD AT THE T. A. HALL.

TODAY the Total Abstinence Dramatic Company will afford theatre-goers an opportunity of understanding what manner of men those were who, in fast-sailing clippers, infested the sea two hundred years ago, a law unto themselves; who defied the authority of all nations and preyed upon the commerce of all alike; whose only recommendation was their physical courage;—men whose names, as Byron says in the *Corsair*, are "linked with one virtue and a thousand crimes";—the class of men like Blackbeard and Avery, to whom Governor Blake alluded in his lecture on the Bahamas, who seized Nassau, N.P., of that group of isles, making it their headquarters, whence they sallied forth and captured the richly-laden galleons of Spain as they returned with treasure from her provinces in Mexico to Europe. Of all the piratical race, none achieved a more romantic reputation than Captain Kyd, though others there were more adventurous and desperate; and it is with this "hero" that the drama in the T. A. Hall tonight is concerned.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE Ladies of the Gower Street Methodist Benevolent Society tender their sincere thanks to the friends who have kindly contributed clothing and cash to aid them in relieving the wants of the poor. Donations of either money or clothing will be thankfully received by the Society for this purpose.

MEMBERS of the City Club are reminded of the debate which takes place in their rooms this evening at eight o'clock.

A PLEASING TESTIMONIAL.

SANDY POINT, BAY ST. GEORGE,  
December 24th, 1887.

TO CAPTAIN DELANEY, S. S. Curlew:

DEAR SIR,—As the time is drawing near when the trips of the S.S. Curlew to Bay St. George will cease, we, the undersigned business men, desire to tender to you some expression of our appreciation of your services as commander of the Western Coastal steam-boat.

We desire to say that we have every confidence in you and that we fully realise your kindness and appreciate the efforts you have at all times made to secure the comfort of your passengers, also the satisfactory manner in which our shipments have been handled.

We trust that the Company will make every effort in its power to secure your services for the steam-boat which is now being built for this route. We hope that your genial presence will be with us for many seasons to come.

The regularity with which you have made the fortnightly trips to this coast, and the efficiency of the service in general, are, in our opinion, quite sufficient to show conclusively that you are the most suitable commander that can be chosen for the new steamboat, and we rest assured that the best interests of the Western Coast will be well and faithfully served if you are appointed, as we most sincerely trust will be the case. And we feel that in the expression of the above sentiments we are merely voicing the opinion of the whole Western Shore. Wishing you and yours the compliments of the season,

We are yours very truly,

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| H. H. Haliburton,   | George Messervey, |
| Edward Leroux,      | John Cashin,      |
| C. R. Bishop,       | Arthur Cashin,    |
| Adolph Halbot,      | Alexander Gillis, |
| A. Nardini,         | Donald Gillis,    |
| Edward Halbot,      | Thomas Shaw,      |
| Hector McDonald,    | John McLennan,    |
| John Keating,       | Fred. Renand,     |
| Chas. R. Messervey, | James McFatridge, |
| John P. Pieroway,   | Stephen Hall,     |
| Edmund Parsons,     | John B. Young,    |
| Clement Benoit,     | John Thomas,      |
| Chas. A. Ozon,      | Captain N. Butt,  |
| George Pieroway,    | George Pieroway,  |
| William Pennil,     | John H. Pieroway, |
| Joseph Pennil,      | Joseph McKay,     |
|                     | William Denis.    |

REPLY.

ST. JOHN'S, Feb. 2, 1888.

To Messrs. W. H. Haliburton, Edward Leroux, C. R. Bishop, A. Nardini, and others, Bay St. George.

GENTLEMEN,—The hurried circumstances under which I received your very kind address, when the boat was about leaving your settlement for the last time this season, prevented me from giving a suitable response to the generous sentiments contained therein. Respecting your kind words of appreciation and confidence in the manner of the performance of the coastal service to Bay St. George by the steamer Curlew—work in which I am happy to acknowledge the ready co-operation of the officers, engineers, and seamen under my command—I can only say, that it was work done in the line of duty for which none should expect praise; yet still, it is most gratifying to me to know that it meets with such cordial approval from the business community of your Bay, with the promotion of whose interests the success of the ship with which I am identified is closely connected.

I thank you most heartily for your personal good wishes; and whether, as a result of the change to the new coastal boat next Spring, our relations may also undergo a change or not, still I must congratulate you that the annually increasing volume of the freight and passenger traffic of the important and flourishing section of Newfoundland in which you live, has been largely instrumental in procuring for you in the new mail-boat a steamer of greatly increased tonnage, capacity and speed, one commensurate with the expansion of your industries and commerce. I wish from my heart that your own individual advancement will keep pace with the general progress and prosperity going on around you; and again assuring you of the sincere pleasure which the terms of your address have afforded me, I remain, gentlemen,

Your obliged servant,  
PATRICK DELANEY.

QUICK DISPATCH.

THE following unexampled quick dispatch in discharging, docking and loading a vessel was given to the bargentine "May Cory." Captain Gosse, belonging to Bowring Brothers: She arrived at 11 a.m. on Monday last, with a full cargo of flour, leather and staves; and, on being berthed, began immediately to discharge and finished at 8.30 o'clock the same evening. Next morning (Tuesday) she went on dock and was bottomed with copper sheeting where required, the space covered being equal to one-half the hull under the water-line, and was finished by 5 o'clock the same evening. Next morning (Wednesday) at 6 o'clock, she began to take in cargo for Pernambuco, finished by 6 o'clock the same evening, and was ready for sea at 7 o'clock. Thus all the operations mentioned were performed in the short time of fifty-five hours. With the generalship which produced this speedy result the veteran Wickford had a great deal to do.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The Curlew goes west to-morrow morning.

MESSRS. BOWRING's barquentine *Spark* arrived at Pernambuco on Tuesday last, all well.

Our closing article on the subject of "Who Discovered America?" will appear to-morrow.

The treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society begs to acknowledge the receipt of twenty (\$20) dollars from a friend through Mr. P. Daly.

The steamer "Newfoundland," which passed Cape Race at noon, will be here by 6.30 p.m., and her mails will probably be delivered before ten o'clock.

The meteorological observation of yesterday sets down the depth of snow-drift at 5-6 feet; the lowest reading of the barometer (corrected) at 29.84; and the lowest temperature of the air at 27°, Fahrenheit.

MR. HENRY GEAR is launching out into the lobster-packing business; he is about erecting a factory in Topsail and will start operations next summer. The locality is a favorable one, and the business will be a decided benefit to the settlers for miles on either side of the seat of industry.

MR. JAMES BATTERTON, who has been in the mail service of the colony for the past thirty-five years, and was mail-officer of the *Plover* till she was lost, received the following telegram yesterday morning:—

"TWILLINGATE, February 1st, 1888.  
"JAMES BATTERTON, St. John's:  
"A petition is going by mail signed by the clergymen, merchants and others, strongly recommending you for the position on the new boat."  
"E. B. COLBOURNE."

THE very stormy character of the weather last night kept within doors nearly all the gay maskers who intended participating in the carnival at the Parade Rink. There was no announcement that it would be postponed, but when the time for opening the doors arrived there were so few applicants for admission—about a dozen whose zeal for skating in fancy dresses far outran their discretion, had come in sleighs—that it was necessary to put off the entertainment. It might have been easily foreseen that there was little prospect of the storm, abating to admit of the public attending the Carnival in large numbers. When the next appointed night arrives let us hope that the weather will be propitious, when all present can really enjoy themselves.

A PLEASANT little chatty affair, with a *dejeuner* as its main feature, was that which Mr. James Cox, of the Post Office gave his brother men of letters at Sergeant Smith's the other evening, and as satisfied a party as ever assembled around a festive board enjoyed the treat. Songs, toasts, and anecdotes raced each other from the smiling lips of the delighted group. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from J. O. Fraser, Esq., and Geo. LeMessurier, Esq. The affair had its origin in an amiable and creditable sentiment on Mr. Cox's part, a disposition that his fellow-clerks should enjoy a share of the satisfaction which was then his on finding himself promoted from a carrier-ship—a post he has satisfactorily filled for eight or ten years past—to a position of sorter within the doors of the Post Office. Mr. Cox's excellent example is one well worthy of imitation by all Government officials when they ascend a step in the ladder of promotion.

THE new winter uniform of the postal carriers is neat and becoming, the cloth being of dark blue color; the overcoat is of reefer pattern and its rows of brass buttons give quite an official air to the wearers. The carriers display numbers on their coat-collars, No. 1 being the badge of the senior in the department, Mr. Geo. Thompson; of No. 2, Mr. John Clarke is the proud bearer; in No. 3, we see the familiar features of Mr. George Duder; No. 4 is Mr. Harry Hayward, who carries with him best of good wishes for his future success in the Post Office department of the Colony; Mr. Michael Aylward, a tall, strapping young fellow, a veritable velocipede on two legs, sports No. 5; and in No. 6 we have Mr. Robt. Smyth, jr., son of Mr. Robert Smyth, Water Street. With the exception of the first-named, all are young men with their futures to make; they occupy posts of trust, and advancement to higher and better-paid offices is in store for all of them, according to their merits, in course of time.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on the 3rd inst., Olivia, relict of the late George Williams, in the 85th year of her age. Funeral on Sunday next, at four o'clock, from her daughter's residence, King's Bridge. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

LOADING.  
July 26—Robert, West Indies, J. Murray.  
Feb 1—Minnie, Europe, A. Goodridge & Sons.  
3—Sparkling Glance, Porto Rico, F & L Tessler.  
Little Wonder, Europe, Job, Bros. & Co.

By DEPUTY Meeting TWO Russia MORE A dep dressed I for losse nounced expresse mised to The Ir don inst opens. Thoma victed of been four fifteen ye Russia robes a More I German The Ed at Halifax F Wind with snow to-day. NE Auction—1 Auction—1 The biggest Important Heavy black Wanted—p TAKI can be suppl Household at the rate per ton, set Jan 24, 88. A FRESH On TUE CLI 100 qu 20 car 20 choi feb4 Valuable FOR I AM IN let at 12 inst. at 12 years, in o LAND, sit property in Street, wit For sale in est and taining five Street, in Term 40 ye For sale, LAND, siting a front rearage of mation, app feb8 F On WE At Vi The Fu Particu feb8 E With all he or Conster and has al Brooking's