

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

W. H. the undersigned, have this day entered
into partnership under the name, style
and firm of

THOS. W. SMITH & SON,
for the carrying on of the business

MERCHANT TAILORS

GENERAL OUTFITTERS,

At the old stand heretofore occupied by THOMAS
W. SMITH, on Queen Street.
Dated this 29th day of June, A. D. 1882.

THOS. W. SMITH,
H. LeBARRON SMITH.

CARD.

To our Customers and the Public generally:—

MR. T. W. SMITH, aided by his son, has now
needed in establishing on a firm basis, by
attending to business, low prices, and careful
consideration of the requirements of his
customers.

A First-Class Modern Tailoring and

OUTFITTING

ESTABLISHMENTS

and has been induced from his growing trade
and the increasing demands of the public, to
enlarge his business so as to supply every article
required for the carrying on of his business.
He has associated with him his son, Mr. L.
LeBARRON SMITH, so long and favorably known
to his patrons, and has added a customer's

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to his former lines; and has also largely in-
creased his premises and work-rooms.

T. W. Smith & Son
are now, therefore, prepared to furnish any
gentleman with a

Complete Outfit from

Head to Foot,

and at the lowest prices going; and hope to pro-
ceed from the citizens of Fredericton, and of the
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Communications.

The Record Office.

To the Editor of the Maritime Farmer:

SIR.—It is to be hoped that the Bill be-
fore the Legislature to convert part of the
County Court House into a Record Office
may not become law. It does not matter
with whom this matter originated, it is an
unwise measure and should be defeated.

I cannot help thinking that, if the Coun-
cil had not been in such a hurry to ad-
just last summer, and had given the subject
more serious consideration it would have
come to a different decision. As it was, the
matter was brought up in a hurry and passed
before the question as to whether it was
wise; no one is particularly to blame, and I
do not mean to say that wrong was done, for
I believe all were anxious to do what they
considered best, but if more time had been
allowed for consideration a different result
would have been, assuredly, in my opinion, been
arrived at.

One chief ground of opposition to the plac-
ing the Record Office in the Court House is
mainly on account of danger from fire. In
such a building there must be a number of
fires for heating the different apartments, and
all these are a source of danger. It will be
in proportion their number. In any public
building, with half a dozen stories, it is sel-
dom that all are in good order, and I have
heard of one in this very building that was
in a very bad state for some time. If the
Court House was burned down it would re-
quire a very well built vault to protect the
records of the County from destruction. I
do not mean to say that such a vault could
not be built, but I do say that a suitable
vault in an isolated building could be built
for as much less as would leave sufficient
space for putting up such a building. So by
erecting a suitable building for a Record
Office, the County would not have to pay
any more, and absolute safety might be
had, whereas by fitting up a corner of the
Court House the County will have to pay
more, or run the risk of having all those val-
uable records destroyed some night. It is
hoped that the Legislature will think well
of this before passing the bill now before the
House. There are several other reasons
against adopting the present course, which
need not be alluded to, further than to say
that the City and County are against it, and
that if a few interested parties would
leave matters alone it would be more satis-
factory to the public.

Yours, etc.,
CITIZEN.

Fredericton, March 14, 1872

Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 16, 1882.

The Legislative Buildings.

The new Legislative Buildings are now
a standing feat, but a good deal must be
done to them, externally and internally, be-
fore they can be called finished. Their sur-
roundings must be brought into keeping with
them. The irregular forms of the old parlia-
mentary offices detract much from their ap-
pearance. The Provincial Secretary's office build-
ing by itself is a very respectable looking struc-
ture, but it is much out of place where it
is, and does perceptibly detract from the
Court side of the Buildings. The square
quadrangle, dingy Surveyor General's office
absolutely abhorred, and must be cleared away.
And a good deal more clearing away will
have to be done before the surroundings of
the Buildings are what they should be.

The line of ancient looking offices on St.
John Street, and the Secretary of Agriculture
and the Recorder Office, and the unightly old
telegraph office on King Street, and the
range of Education and Auditor General
offices will have to be swept off. The latter
range might be allowed to stand, if no other
accommodations can be obtained for the
offices, but, if it can, their removal would
make easier the beautifying of the grounds
around the buildings. And could not an
accommodation be obtained for the offices
within the Buildings?

It is too evident that the House of As-
sembly, too evident chamber as it is, is a failure,
essentially, and, when it is admitted
its condemnation as a hall of legislature is
pronounced. The defect is too serious to be
remedied by time, or artificial means, as the
hanging of pictures on the walls, etc. Fear
was expressed at the time, that the roof
was too lofty for the area of the floor. It is
a great pity that the House of Assembly
was not constructed more after the style of
the Legislative Council Room, which is con-
sidered by all to be a model chamber. The
defect can be remedied, and undoubtedly
will have to be, and the sooner the better.
It is absurd to suppose that the room will
be allowed to remain as it is, with its range
of empty galleries. Even on the floor of the
House, except to secure ears, it is difficult to
hear, and the difficulty takes away very
much from the pleasure and profit of attend-
ing the sittings. By flooring the room over
from the galleries, and chambers of ample di-
mensions and fine altitude would be obtained
while on the ground floor there would be
ample space for departmental offices. In
this way a serious defect would be cured,
and it would solve the question, where to
place the departmental offices, in the event
of the present old outstanding offices being
swept away, in order to make room for the
proper accommodation of the grounds around
the new Buildings.

The internal decoration of the Buildings
will demand some thought and care. The
cold exposure of white walls have to be
warmed by color and relieved by pictures.
We venture to say, that in the Legislative
Council and Assembly rooms, only portraits
should be admitted; landscapes, representa-
tions of scenery in the Province, should be
relegated to the committee rooms and else-
where. In this Province, unlike other of
the Province of the Dominion, there are few
if any monuments of the past—of its govern-
ors, and its political leaders and judges ex-
tinct, and we suppose it would be exceed-
ingly difficult to make good the want now. Of
course, it would be possible to make good the
deficiency on the ground that nothing is
impossible. The Town Council of Edin-
burgh, for instance, wanted to have the
portraits of the Kings of Scotland to decorate
one of the rooms of Holy Rood Palace, and
an artist was commissioned who produced
a series of pictures which have a striking
family likeness, as he painted them all from
one model—an Edinburgh porter, it is said.
An enterprising genius here, got a com-
mission to paint a line of New Brunswick's
great men, he could do better than that! from
chalk drawings, miniatures, photographs, etc.,
he might paint a series of full length por-
traits, but that would be an expensive and
unsatisfactory process. Portraits to adorn
the walls of the Legislative Chambers should
be painted from living models. As a com-
mencement, we suggest differently, that the
portraits of the President of the Legislative
Council and Speaker of the Assembly, be
taken. Afterwards the Attorney General
and leader of the government, might be
asked to sit for his picture.

An important judgment was delivered in
the Supreme Court on Friday. The Court
decided, Judge Weldon dissenting, that ap-
peal should be allowed from a judgment of
Mr. Justice Palmer granting to the Grand
Southern Railway Company, or contractors,
an injunction upon the Canadian Pacific
Railway Company, requesting the latter not
to interfere with the former. In other words
the effect of the judgment is to set aside the
lease which gave the Grand Southern Rail-
way running privileges over the Canadian
Branch.

Local vs. General Legislation.

There is a disposition in some quarters to
belittle the Local Legislatures, to exalt Pa-
riament, and to expatiate on the superi-
or advantages of a Legislative over a Federal
union. Theories may be advanced in such
fashion as they please, but among the people
generally, we believe, there is a determina-
tion, not demonstrative, but all the more
strong, to maintain control of their own af-
fairs.

The people of New Brunswick would
never be contented to have legislation for
their local needs by Parliament, the very
great majority of whose members know little
or nothing of, and who, in the same propor-
tion, are interested in the wants of their
Province. They will never be content to
have their business hurried through or alig-
hted, because, for instance, the great majority
of members are mostly more interested in
questions relating to the development of the
Northwest—as the carving of new Provinces
out of the vast territory, and the passing of
measures to draw the tide of settlement to-
wards it. The tendency of events, in the
coming years, will rather, we imagine,
strengthen the feeling in this respect.

The local independence of the Provinces,
especially in the Eastern Provinces, tends to
weaken it. The Toronto Globe had lately
some just remarks on this question, though
tinged, of course, with an animus against Sir
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