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CHRISTMAS.

The practical nineteenth century, with its unceasing exposure of all false pretences, has let Christmas alone. Historical detectives may report that they discovered King Christmas holding high carnival in Central Europe centuries before the watching shepherds heard the glorious anthem of Peace and Good Will; very learned critics may have demonstrated the impossibility of December 25th being the date when the event occurred to which it is dedicated, but the rule of Christmas is unbroken and indeed more widespread than ever. Even strait-laced Puritanism has tacitly agreed that there shall be one Saint in the Calendar, who may set up his shrine in the heart of every little child, and men and women, whose forefathers esteemed it an act of religious duty to labor hard on December 25th, if they were idle for the remainder of the twelvemonth, now bring votive offerings in honor of the children's saint, upon whose head unnumbered centuries have snowed a mantle of honor.

It is well that Christmas should be kept. Any institution which tends to draw men closer together, which makes us even for a day forget our differences, which is consecrated to acts of love, which upsets the broken family circle, either around the well-filled table or by sympathy which annihilates distance, any such institution is a good one and worthy of perpetuation. In the higher sense, the sense in which the church regards it, as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, it is eminently fitting that it should be observed, and not the less because it is usually devoted to a contemplation of that part of His mission upon which there is no dispute, the mission of Peace, the Mission of Charity.

Before THE GLEANER is issued again the holiday will have come and gone, and so we take this occasion to wish our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE MIRROR HELD UP.

It is a pity that some clever writer, outside of Canada, does not think enough of us to hold the mirror up to nature and let us see the political life of the Dominion as it really exists. If one should do so, the result would probably be like what happened when the backwoodsman brought home the first looking-glass he ever had in the house. It lay in the top of a basket, and his little boy looking in saw, for the first time, an image of his unkempt locks and unwashed face. Springing up he exclaimed: "Oh, daddy's brought home a cub." The extreme to which personalities are carried in Canadian politics is lamentable. We do not now so much allude to the use of such phrases as "the grand old idiot," applied by the Toronto Mail to Mr. Gladstone, or to references to Sir John Macdonald in the leading editorial of a respectable Liberal paper as "Johnny," nor even to the degradation shown by certain Ontario Tory sheets in dragging into a political discussion sneering references to the christian lives of two leading Liberal statesmen; nor to the recent insinuation of a New Brunswick Liberal journal, that an utterance of Sir John Macdonald can only be explained on the supposition that he was drunk. These things must occur and will occur in any country, when men of not very refined notions of decency conduct leading papers. Our reference is more particularly to the lack of common honesty in dealing with facts and political issues, to the absence of anything like political principle, to the ridiculous assumption that the public is gullible, to an unwillingness to regard frankness as a virtue in a public man, from which, we regret to say, neither political party can claim to be exempt.

In the British Parliament the other day Mr. Courtney felt called upon to sever his connection with the Ministry, because he dissented from the idea of single representation. As was to be expected he made an explanation of his course and Mr. Gladstone replied, but we look in vain through both speeches for a single word which might not be spoken in the most refined society, or the slightest intimation on the part of either that the other had acted otherwise than as, from his point of view, he was bound to act in honor and conscience. In our own

Parliament such an occasion would be likely to be marked by personal recrimination and by an ebullition of violent feeling. Charges are made here in the press and in Parliament against public men which would in England make political rivalry impossible. Fancy if you can Sir John Macdonald's exemplar, Disraeli, exclaiming on the floors of the house that a member of the opposition was "the biggest liar he ever met." Fancy if you can Sir Stafford Northcote serving in the same ministry with a man who had stigmatized him as "a high priest of corruption." Fancy Lord Salisbury, on the occasion of a celebration in his honor, standing upon the same platform with men who had been proved guilty of an attempt to bribe legislators. Is it possible that the sense of personal honor is less keen in Canada than in England? A Chinese traveller through the United States said, in his published impressions, that what he noticed most was the absence of personal honor among our neighbors; and can it be that the same charge applies to ourselves?

It is worth while to think this matter over. Surely political power is not so much to be desired that everything else will be sacrificed to the attainment of it; surely none of us are so much superior in wisdom, honor and patriotism, that those who think differently from us must of necessity be fools, rogues and traitors. But some may ask: Shall we not condemn corruption and falsehood? Certainly; but first be sure that what you so regard is corrupt and false, and not merely an error in judgment or a difference of opinion. It is given to no man to be always right, but there are those who have a phenomenal capacity for being wrong.

NEW PROJECTS.

Notice is given of application for a Charter to build a railway from Blackville on the Northern and Western Railway to Woodstock. We don't pretend to know what the promoters are driving at in asking authority to build a line parallel to the N. & W. for fifty miles, but probably they know themselves. If the Miramichi towns want a road to Woodstock the way to get it is to build from Cross Creek.

A Charter is also asked for a railway bridge across the river here. It has not yet transpired on whose behalf the application is made; if it is in the interest of existing and projected roads, it is to be hoped it will be successful, but a bridge owned by an independent Company, which will exact tolls from the traffic of these roads, ought not to be built. The bridge should be free to all roads alike.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is the intention of Mayor Fenety to call a public meeting of citizens to explain matters in connection with the management of civic affairs during the past year. The date has not yet been fixed.

Mr. John H. Reid, referring to a paragraph in yesterday's Telegraph to the effect that his remarks in reference to Mr. Inches, as published in that paper, were taken down in shorthand and were correctly stated, says that our esteemed contemporary states what is absolutely and unqualifiedly incorrect. He says that his conversation with the Telegraph reporter was on the road, and that he and the reporter were walking together. He most positively affirms that the reporter made no minute or memorandum in his presence of anything he said, and that if shorthand notes exist, purporting to be a report of his remarks, they must have been made after the reporter left him.

Sir John Macdonald's unwillingness to introduce a bankruptcy law is explainable only in the theory that he fears the adverse criticism which would follow such a bill coming on the heels of the N. P. boom. A recent Ottawa despatch says:—The Toronto board of trade interviewed Sir John Macdonald yesterday in regard to insolvency legislation. Mr. Darling, the president, said the credit of Canada was never so low in England as now, owing to there being no means of distributing the assets of insolvents. Mr. Patterson, a leading merchant, said whenever Canadian merchants went to England they were met with suspicion by business men in England where ever they went, and were first questioned by those they wished to do business with in regard to their credit. Canada's credit in England had been cut off altogether. Sir John said that these statements were undoubtedly true, as he had learned during his recent visit to England. The people of the rural districts were prejudiced against bankruptcy laws, and he did not know whether the government could carry an insolvency act through parliament.

If the "valued correspondent" of the Sun will possess his soul in patience he will find out all about the items in the accounts of the Stock Farm, which he now thinks are objectionable; but in passing we may ask our contemporary if its own representatives were not among those for whom the objectionable meals were prepared, and whether, since it accepted the hospitality of the government, it would not be more decent not to find any fault about it. The dignified course, a course which would have stricken terror into the heart of the government, would have been for the Sun man to have refrained from eating with the others, and thus made his protest conspicuous. Perhaps the Sun's indignation is due to regret that he did not know the government was paying for the repast, and therefore lost a glorious opportunity to create a deficit.

GLEANINGS.

On Wednesday, the first official inspection of the N. B. & P. E. Ry., by train took place. The Provincial Engineer, Mr. Maxwell, was accompanied by Directors Black and Botsford, the President, Mr. Wood, the Secretary, Mr. W. C. Hiltner, and the contractor, Mr. Jno. A. Wheaton. The party left at 11:30 a.m., dined at Baie Verte, and returned in the afternoon. Mr. Maxwell declared himself highly pleased with the substantial character of the works and said the Railway did not rank inferior to the best in the Province.

Lumbering operations are quite lively in Albert County this year, though the cut will not be up to that of former seasons. Most of the old loggers are at work, and all report the season favorable for the handling of men and teams. The recent cold snap has solidified the swamps and rendered them fit for log-hauling. There are 70 saw mills in Albert County, but not more than 20 are of any considerable capacity. About 5,000,000 feet of lumber will be got out this winter for the Point Wolfe mill; 3,000,000 feet for the Alma Milling Company on Salmon River, and 4,000,000 for Mr. Turner's mills on West River and Turtle Creek.

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