

HAS DR. FORTIN FORGOTTEN US?

At this time when the Commons is voting so much money for public improvements, it might be well to remind Dr. Fortin and Hon. J. C. Pope that there is a little place down here called Miramichi, that one of its ports, Chatham, ranks fifth in importance in the whole Dominion. Our readers know that owing to Dr Fortin's expensive system of coastal telegraphy has been established around our shores; and that from our relations here in Chatham with the coast, a line ought to be extended from Escombie here.

We have pointed out several times already the grounds upon which we ask for this extension but it may be no harm just now to refresh Mr. Pope's memory. Early last season the barge *Mallard* was wrecked down on our coast, but had there been prompt communication with Chatham, the consequences might have been avoided. Later in the season the *Saga* struck ashore near our rivers mouth, and lay for 10 or 12 hours in the surf before word reached here. Had there been a line from the Point here, word could have been received in time to have the vessel got off by tugs before she broke up.

But these are only two cases, out of a score of others, which of themselves form a strong argument for connecting Chatham with our coast. Our shipping interests here are very important, and such a line would be valuable in a great many ways. It would be of great advantage, likewise, to the fishing fleets engaged around the coast, for prompt and direct communication could be kept up between those parts, and Chatham, Newcastle and points along the line.

The line ought to be established from Chatham to the Light House at the Point, and the light keeper might have a code of signals for ships, and with a telephone in his house, the advantages to shipowners, captains, pilots and fishermen would be very great. Our Chatham business men could have connection by telephone also with the system.

And now is the time, at this quiet season of the year, when there are scores of idle men, to get the poles cut and hauled, ready for the spring. The work can be done for half what it would cost by and by. 'Tis true we've now no one at Ottawa to say a word in our favor; for Senator Muirhead is confined to his house, and our representative is away attending to his own business, though it is doubtful if he could help us were he on the spot. But when Mr. Muirhead's health is a little better restored, and will, we are sure, take the matter up vigorously, and have it settled as it ought to be in the interest of our shipping and our fisheries. Other gentlemen too are, interesting themselves, and will continue to do so, till such a desired concession is gained.

A PROPHET OF ILLS.

When J. Snowball went to the House of Commons, after the defeat of the McKenzie Government, he had himself ticketed as an Independent. So it was that his pocket organ wrote him down. But he was unlike other statesmen. This independence did not last long. The new tariff of the National Policy, was too much for his digestion. It was ruinous. The country would be swallowed up by the manufacturers. The poor people would be crushed by the load of taxation. So the Grim leaders said and poor J. B. believed them. He sent for his invoices and made a speech. Now the making of a speech is a serious thing. But when a man assumes the role of a prophet, and predicts ruin and disaster to the country and proves it from his invoices, the matter becomes alarming. However after the speech was delivered the prophet came home, and heaped to fulfill his prophecies by doing an increased business. Another session came, and a new edition of the speech was prepared. It also was prophetic; and again when summer came the prophet did a larger business than ever. Now Mr. Snowball has been a representative since 1878. In 1879 we got the N. P. He prophesied ruin. What are the results?

Last year the Exports of the Dominion were \$28,000,000 and the Imports, 72,000,000

Showing a balance in favor of the Dominion of \$16,000,000

Hence for the first time in the history of the Dominion the exports exceed the imports; for the first time we have in our favor the balance of trade and yet strange fact, our heaven born statesman prophesied ruin! Again! In 1879 the value of raw goods consumed was \$50,000,000; in 1880 it was \$72,000,000, showing a difference of \$22,000,000. Now we know that last year people were better off and

consumed more, a great deal more than they did in 1879. Well this 8 millions or rather 10 or 12 millions that was short in foreign manufactures had been goods manufactured in the Dominion, so that the N. P. has been successful in fostering home industries. But Mr. Snowball said it never would. And again the prophet was mistaken.

In 1879 the Custom Duties amounted to \$12,939,540.66 Last year to 14,139,819.22

An increase of \$1,199,908.56

But our prophetic member asserted it would decrease revenue—so that again the prophecies are false. The trade of a prophet is a dangerous one and Mr. Snowball as a prophet is a lamentable failure.

MR. BLAIR'S COARSENESS

The Attorney General the other day offered a motion of sympathy, in the House, for his colleague in his address. Mr. Blair stood up to second it, but in doing so coarsely and cruelly insinuated that there was something wrong about the management of the office and gentlemen's office. Mr. Blair perhaps can be blamed if his soul is stranger to touches of human sympathy and pity, but he might observe a little wryly of coarseness, and after they try to be a gentleman.

Mr. Blair took two or three weeks last winter, unannounced through the Crown Land Office, on the search for a scandal, but he failed to find any, though he had proclaimed through the school member from Gloucester that he had uncovered a mine of corruption. In the long, tedious days that he kept the business of the country back, he poked his nose into every corner of the Crown Land Office. He wants to go on another nosing expedition now, but while we asked last winter that an investigation of the charges made, be promptly held, we would now say, Siffle Blair's expedition in the bud, for verily he only wants to make another plumping voyage through the documents, and the telegrams, and the private affairs of the office. Were we in Mr. Adams' place we would give such a professional slandering no further consideration, stoop to no more explanations, grant him no more investigations; as silent contempt is the best reply to such contemptible attacks.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

We have received several enquiries and complaints about Savings Bank matters. Now this is a thing we know very little about, as we have not yet commenced to put our spare cash in that institution. Still if what our correspondents state be true, there is neglect somewhere. It seems that some time ago the Savings Bank here was practically closed, and people coming to do business at it were told that there were new forms which had not come to hand, &c. Now we learn that there are no pass books, and some who have gone to the Bank to deposit money could not get the money taken. As the Savings Bank is under the control of the Finance Department, we would ask Sir Leonard to enquire into the matter, and urge his subordinates in the Department to look better after their business, and not by their negligence inconvenience people, who often come long distances to do Savings Bank business.

THE FORCE IN IRELAND.

We see by an English paper that there are in Ireland at this moment no less than 27,000 well-drilled soldiers comprising 4,000 cavalry, 2,000 artillery, and 21,000 infantry, with 4,500 horse and seven guns. The force is principally distributed through the Provinces of Munster, Leinster and Connaught. The difficulty of securing suitable accommodation for such a considerable number of men may easily be imagined, and work-houses and other public institutions have been turned into temporary barracks. Dublin is bristling with bayonets, and the "dogs of war" are ready to go "loose" at a moment's warning.

REPORTS.

We have received the Auditor General's Report for the year past, the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Education, &c., and in future issues shall enlighten our readers a little on their contents.

There are terrible snow storms in Russia. The railways are blocked, and famishing wolves hunt on the confines of villages in large packs. Many a solitary traveller has left his traps this winter on the snow plains. Save us from Russia, its wolves, its winters, and its Czars.

Asaph Khan has had three of his sons put to death for trying to seize Herat last summer. We thought the world could not produce again another Bin us.

The nihilists new programme is "Murder in secret."

WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

It never makes a sickly party stronger to expose its weakness; and if the Opposition in Fredericton do not know this, it is marvellous to us at least that they would leap into the pit without looking or enquiring what awaited them. They seem to us like a band of dice throwers, who keep on shaking and throwing all the time, in the hope that success will some time turn up.

Mr Blair might spare himself the trouble of saying he did not know Coverd was going to move his Want of Confidence motion, he may profess to be no party to the absurdities of Mr Coverd and Mr Gillespie, and deny through the lobbyist and through the streets of having anything "in common with them," but he will not be believed. It is one of his old tricks, to be behind the screens himself while others fire the balls he has prepared. If his employees fail, as in politics they always do, and the people laugh at and deride them, Mr Blair too, and smokes his head; but should the time ever come that his ill devised manœuvring would succeed, the public would not be long kept in darkness as to the part he played in it.

All the motley members of the House seem to get together when there is anything ridiculous or disgraceful to be done, as a fair caricature on the prairies will bring all the coyotes and buzzards for 50 miles around. When we come to see Mr. White of Carleton, Mr. Barbare of Restigouche, and Mr. Ritchie of St. John, gathering together as one man, we may be sure the public business on hand is not of a very exalted character; and when we see John Coverd, moving and Thomas Gillespie standing any motion, we may be sure they would not be so employed, but that the others were ashamed to take any public part in it.

We were glad to see the contemptuous manner in which the Government received the attack. No member of the Government condescended to reply to the no confidence members, and it was not till after the other of their motley band had stood up and supported the motion and again sat down without getting a word of reply, that they put their heads down on their desks in shame and disgust. It strengthens no party, and let the Opposition be assured of this to have a man like Mr. White of Carleton joining it, is much less to flatter than to flout. It is a poor policy for the Opposition to receive them.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. ADAMS.

The funeral of Mrs. M. Adams took place on Thursday last. At 11 o'clock the procession moved from the residence of the Surveyor General toward the church, followed by the largest concourse of people we have ever seen on a like occasion. The procession was fully a half mile long, and composed of persons from Newcastle, Moncton, Douglastown, Chatham, Bathurst, Moncton, St. John, and elsewhere. The procession halted at the Roman Catholic Church, which was draped in black to be in keeping with the solemn occasion. Father Dixon presided by Father Bannon of Chatham as Deacon, and Father Mc Donald of Chatham, as sub-deacon, celebrated a solemn High Mass of Requiem for the soul of the departed lady; and the body was thence taken to the cemetery hard by, and consigned to its last resting place in the family plot. Among those from long distances at the funeral were Hon. R. Young, Fredericton, on behalf of the Government; Mr. Sweet, principal of the Duffrin, and Mr. M. A. Finn, of St. John; Messrs. J. W. O'Brien, J. Stewart, P. J. Burns, J. White, of Bathurst; and Messrs. McSweeney and Sutton of Moncton. Gentlemen from St. J. were sent up some beautiful flowers, in garland, oranges and other delicacies, which they have sent for to wax and return. If the places of business through Newcastle were all closed; flags floated here and there at half mast—from the feeling abroad, and it was plain to be seen, the deceased lady was held in deep and general esteem, and those remaining had the heartiest sympathies of the entire community.

MR. RITCHIE ET ALIAS.

Insinuated the other day that some members of the House had been succeeded into voting for the retention of Fredericton as the seat of Government. This was pointed at three or four members, and unmanfully and untruthfully so. Mr. Kenny flung back the low-lived insinuation and treated it as only worthy of its rank. Mr. McManus too repelled it, and replying to Mr. Ritchie said it did not lie in the mouth of a jumping jack who supported Free Trade yesterday, and protested today to talk to him of lacking consistency.

We have not seen his remarks in full, but whatever they were we do know this, that neither Robert Ritchie nor Edwyll Willis will ever see the day that they will be fit to be Mr. McManus' go strings. What Willis' public course has been, all know, and it is regarded by no one as anything but an abandoned man, ready to sell

himself to any body, and at any moment for the highest price he can fetch. Some years ago he used to bring a fair market price before the public knew him, but now, though he is in the market every day the whole year round, no man bids for him, no one offers him a bribe, and therefore he remains a "consistent member of the Opposition" proud of his "consistency," and like Judge Story is "Unweary by influence and untried by gain."

As for Mr Ritchie, for the first time since his election he has done an honorable thing and that is, the desertion of the party he before supported; for it is surely better for a man to act the renegade boldly, than to act the traitor quietly—and we have known Mr Ritchie to attend and help along Mr. Whites caucuses in the garrot of H. Y. H. and we have known him at the same time to attend and help along Government caucuses. It was after he had slipped, and squirmed, and deceived for two years, that the Government threw off the mask of regard for him, and now, out of choice, but because of no alternative he is weeping and gnashing his teeth with the Opposition. It is men like he who will try to cast reproach on the name of such men as Messrs Kenny and McManus.

Mr. George Connell, M. P. for Carleton County, died suddenly of erysipelas in Ottawa, Wednesday evening. Mr. Connell was a Liberal Conservative, and a gentleman admired by all who knew him. The body was sent home to his poor wife by the Speaker, who detailed Mr. Dennis to accompany it as far as Richmond Junction.

Mr. Boulé's amendment to the Canada Temperance Act, providing that before the Act can become law it must be voted for by a majority of the ratepayers in the district where tried, has received a sixth month's hoist.

It is rumored that Mr. R. Luttrell, of the Canada Central Railway, has accepted a position under the Syndicate.

Sir Leonard Tilley brought down his budget speech last night.

The contract with the Syndicate has become law.

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JOHN McMILLAN, P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, Feb. 18, 1881, Feb. 19, 31

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FOR 1881

Shariff's Sale

To be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY the 1st day of June next, in front of the Post Office, in Chatham between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 5 o'clock, p.m.

All the Right, Title and Interest of Henry Sergeant, in and to all of the several lots or parcels of land premises situate, lying and being in the Parish of Harlowe and County of Northumberland, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Parish and County aforesaid, bounded in front or northerly by the Lower Bay du Vin, Bay or Shore, easterly by lands owned by John O'Neill, westerly by lands occupied by Thomas Lewis and in rear by the sea-line of said lot having a frontage of 30 rods more or less, and containing 50 acres more or less.

Also, all that other lot or piece of land situate, lying and being in the parish and County aforesaid, and bounded in front or Northerly by the base line of the front lot, easterly by lands occupied by John Walsh, easterly by lands occupied by Patrick Walsh and in the rear by wilderness lands having a frontage of twenty six rods more or less and containing fifty acres more or less, and being the lot of land and premises on which the said Henry Sergeant, at present reside.

The same having been sold under and in virtue of Executions issued out of the Kent county Court at the suit of Henry O'Leary against the said Henry Sergeant and Thomas Sergeant, and out of the Northumberland County Court at the suit of Thomas H. Fleigher against the said Henry Sergeant.

John Sarrazar, Sheriff of Northumberland County, Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, 16th February, A. D. 1881.

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I have received a large stock of granite-ware, consisting of all articles hitherto in the line; a stock which are Pans of all kinds, Preserver Pots and Kettles, Tea and Coffee Pots, &c., &c., glazed in all proportions, and guaranteed never to rust. H. P. MARQUIS, General St., Chatham

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FINE TOILET SOAPS, Trusses, Nursing Bottles and Poppets, Hand Mirrors, Shaving Boxes, LIVE JUICE, (in Pts. & Qts.) Canary, Hemo, Rapp, M-w AND MILLET SEEDS - ALL KINDS OF Horse and Cattle Medicines.

Prescriptions Carefully Prepared, and only the Purest Drugs are used. Only Depot for DURKEE'S LIVER PADS, (Only \$1 25)

25-DENTON'S ROOMS, Up Stair. Entrance: Front Door. MAUCKENZIE & CO. Chatham, N. B., Sept. 1, 1880.—

LOCAL MATTER

THIS IS HIS FIFTIETH AWAY FROM HIS CONSTITUENT

Fishing Notes. Bass fishing on the Northwest is discouraging. The fishermen a ring has been formed which price of bass down to 7 cts per lb.

Accident. A young man from Shippego was lumbering on the River as employ of John Murray, was struck by a falling log some time ago had to come home.

The Roads. A fall of pitch has not our missionary has not taken any step has the nuisance abated. The impression is that a mistake was removing Mr. McLaughlan.

In Memory. The intent of the lines from the pen of Mrs. Beatrice McGowan, which publish in another column to plain to our readers, they lamented and sudden death which lately taken place in our midst.

A Spider in a Lady's Ear. A few evenings ago an elderly living in Chatham, was alarmed by a sound running in her ear making a vicious noise inside. She worked up to a state of high excitement and while one of the household was running for a physician, another came water, which he poured in the ear. The spider, for spider it was, ran her ear, and was caught. A friend in the American army died some ago from a spider getting in his ear while asleep in a lunting camp, relieved by a companion who poured water into the uninhabited organ, write these facts because water into the ear in such a case, is a remedy.

Lepus Canaliculus. The day of the poor little vision has come. Snarlers shooters are now razing the woods the result of all this is a bundle of poor little rodents hanging by a single hair.

Note.—Rabbits belong to same family as the hare, and the all called Leporidae. The rabbit breeds five times in the year, but producing in 1 year, 35 rabbits first account we get of the rabbit, habited the warm and sandy regions southern climates, near the sea. A rabbit is not a native of this country but was brought here, and found congenial climate and soil in the it has overrun the entire continent. About 10 or 12 years ago the Government of Newfoundland got two or three of rabbits in Nova Scotia and set at large in the Island. Now the be counted there by millions, and spread all over the peninsula of America and the fertile belt lying across the land. When the dam is prepared bring forth her young she sets and find a hole suitable to her purpose she does not find one she digs a hole not straight but zig-zag, enlarging bottom of it, and pulling her iron body to make the nest warm. She goes abroad she carefully covers the hole for she fears the male will devour the young. Rabbits make no articulate sounds, but when danger threatens they thump the with their hinder feet, and give the to the whole of the underground system. They are sensitive to weather rarely stir abroad unless when the other is settled. They live 7 years.

STAR BRIEFS. —Country wood is scarce in owing to bad roads. —They are putting the gang Senator Muirhead's mill now. —Mr. Donald Buckley's lumber be sawn at Lumont's mill next week. —Mr. Patrick Mann of this town an infant son, Thursday of diphtheria. —Mr. T. Lamont intends \$1,000 worth of repairs on his mill. —Mr. H. P. Marquis has gone to quest to make his usual spring negot with the lobster fisherman.

—Mrs. Thos. Delaney of this town into the cellar of her house T night, and received some injuries. A young girl named Maggie belonging to Bay du Vin died of Diphtheria yesterday of gastritis. Deceased only sixteen or seventeen years old.

—Messrs Nelson & Lumont ceased making shooks. They have manufactured shooks for over 4,000 this season, and have also manufactured 4,000 barrel heads for cysters, etc.

—Mr. Philip Wall who came country in 1825, from Meath, died in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, day. Deceased was in his 81st He was universally respected by all who knew him.

During a wedding celebration at River, Madawaska County, two bridegroom, one of whom was named D. Voe, one of whom was bridegroom, seriously injured one with knives. The assailants were admitted for trial.

—Messrs Connell & Norman lumber on Bathing Lake operations for the present, owing deep snow and sickness among teams. They go out over 50,000 of logs. The roads to Bath can only be traversed with great