

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. SKINNER.

We regret to notice that the appointment of C. N. Skinner to the office of judge of probate for the city and county of Saint John, has met with the disapproval of many friends and supporters of the government. That the filling of any office in the gift of the government would not meet with the unanimous approval of the friends of the party in power is naturally to be expected. Disappointment, and in many cases keen disapproval, are liable to attend the dispensation of patronage. No one realizes and regrets this fact more than those who are almost daily called upon to choose between loyal friends and supporters in the bestowal of office and reward. It is in order that the disapproval of patronage or the filling of offices can remain a part of the functions of the government, it is necessary that the disposal of such matters be left to the judgment of the appointing power, and that its decision should be final, or that at least there should be no general public manifestations of disapproval, provided the favor bestowed upon an acknowledged friend of the party. And it must also be remembered that the necessity of discriminating between friends is not always the only difficulty that a government has to contend with in the dispensation of patronage. Other circumstances which may be very difficult for the government to satisfy their friends, and at the same time conserve the public interest. In such case the public interest must first be considered.

The appointment of Mr. Skinner has evidently been no exception, to the general rule. The exception in this case lies in the fact that some of the friends of the successful applicant, in St. John, have felt their disappointment more keenly than is usual under such circumstances, and in the heat of the moment have given expression to feelings and utterances, which the better judgment of sober second thought would have prevented or at least modified. We cannot help but feel and believe that many of the friends of the government in St. John, who under the sting of what they no doubt felt at the time to be a rebuff, gave public expression to feelings which they should for the time at least, under the circumstances, have smothered, will see the imprudence and futility of attempting to discuss and explain in public what must of necessity be the subject matter of private or party explanation. Already the enemies of the government, in the absence of the premier, are taking advantage of every little circumstance that can possibly afford them political capital, and it would be a matter of deep regret, if by the indiscretion of friends the hands of the leader of the government were weakened during his absence from his post. Happily the absurd and contradictory stories concocted by the opposition organs as a solution of the alleged mysterious routing the appointment, have had the effect of entirely destroying any advantage that they might have hoped to derive from the dissatisfaction expressed by some of the government's friends.

As a journal entitled the city of Saint John we do not feel called upon to give any opinion concerning the merits of the appointment. There is one point, however, of a general nature, to which we wish briefly to refer. At least one St. John paper has disapproved of the appointment of Mr. Skinner because it is a conservative. In fact this is the only objection that we have heard raised concerning the fitness of Mr. Skinner for the position. The fact that the present government is composed of both liberals and conservatives, should prepare all its friends to hear of appointments irrespective of dominion politics. The only questions that can properly be raised are: Is the appointee a man of ability and a supporter of the government, and is he qualified for the office. In the case of Mr. Skinner there can be but one answer possible. As much therefore as we would have liked from a personal standpoint, to have seen a liberal appointed to the office, we cannot say that the friends of the government should either be surprised or disappointed because a conservative received the appointment.

THE RIVER SERVICE.

The people of Fredericton have someone to thank for the meaneast and most unreliable river service that was ever inflicted on a civilized country. Indeed, it is too great a stretch of the imagination to call the miserable conveyance between this city and St. John a service at all. It is simply an insult, and it would be far more to the credit of the proprietors of the steamboat line to place no boat on the river at all, than to ask the people along the river valley to tolerate the old dog that comes up from St. John one day and tries to get back the next. The matter is made all the more inexcusable when it is known that there is a good steamer available which is only kept off the route on account of the stubbornness and stupidity of someone. The loss to the city of Fredericton this year by means of the want of decent steamer accommodation is very great, and unless there is a speedy remedy of the evil, our summer travel, which has been increasing every year, as the beauties of the St. John river and the capital city have become known to tourists, will be entirely lost. We do not want the earth, but we want a chance to live, and it might not be out of place just here to call attention to the fact, that while for the first time since confederation every river county, from York to St. John, is represented by a conservative at parliament, the river service is worse than it has ever been from the days of Christopher Columbus. As we said before we don't want the earth, but we want just time to remark that if the representatives of the people at Ottawa would pay a little more attention to the people's interest, and not devote all their energy to Harris land jobs and other private enterprises of questionable character, the people around here might not have to hunt so hard for something to be thankful for.

LUDLOW.

JUNE 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Heron, of Gibson, spent a few days in this vicinity last week. While Mrs. Heron was enjoying herself among her friends and relatives, Mr. Heron visited the border districts of York and Northumberland counties. A pie-slice was held at Lower Ludlow last evening, for the purpose of building a Baptist church. Several of the young folks from Upper Ludlow were down and spent an enjoyable evening. The people of Ludlow were happy to see the greater number of the young men return home this day after a long route of driving on Dunstan with Jas. S. Fairley.

PROV. NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Graduating Exercises Much Appreciated.

TASTEFUL DECORATIONS, CHOICE PROGRAMME, PLEASANT FACES.

THE LAST GOOD BYE.

The closing exercises at the Normal school, preparatory to the final examination, took place on Friday. There was a large attendance, many being present from other parts of the rural districts. The morning was devoted exclusively to examinations as follows: Professional work, principal Mullen; mathematics and industrial drawing, Mr. Creed; chemistry and botany, Mr. Britain and instructor; French, Mr. Britain and instructor; and the pupils showing that they have profited much by the drill during the last nine months. Those who attended noted with pleasure the advances made not only in the manner of imparting information but in the subjects dealt with by the teachers and students of the Normal school.

AFTERNOON.

The afternoon saw a still larger crowd than in the morning, all available space being taken up. The large hall was resplendent with flowers which were most pleasant faces, made a very attractive scene indeed. On the platform were chief supt. Inch, mayor Beckwith, ex-mayor Allen, sheriff Sterling, chancellor of the university, principal Mullen, H. C. Creed, Mr. Britain, Miss London and Miss Clark. In the audience were seen many of the representative men of the city, including the pastors of most of the churches. Several were present from Gibson and Maryville. A temporary night school was opened at the southern end of the room where the various features of the programme took place. The orchestra, which was excellent, was composed as follows: Piano, Miss Jordan; 1st violin, Miss Fortin; 2nd violin, prof. Cadwalader; mandolin, Miss Rabbit. The following programme was rendered: Orchestra.—Education and the State..... A. W. Colpitts.

Chorus by school. Scene from King John, by lady students. Violin solo—Last Rose of Summer. Reading—Two Foot Blacks, Miss Hanson. Recitation—Elizabeth.....Miss Wheeler. Principal Mullen then announced that the medal for the senior class had been won by Miss Richardson of Albert, that for the primary class by Miss Laura Wilson. Several pupils received honorable mention as being very close competitors, among whom were Miss Agnes Carr, Miss Bessie Fraser, Mr. Jones and Miss Hanson. The winners were then called forward when chief supt. Inch addressed them. Miss Landers, the examiner in reading, by request, gave a reading which took the large audience by storm. It was entitled "A Ride Against the Wind" and detailed the rescue by a daughter of her father from the hands of the Kieu Kux Klan. Miss Daisy Hanson, the valedictorian, then said the good bye of the students in the following:

MR. SUPERINTENDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Although the honor of valedictorian has been conferred upon me by my classmates, I feel that I can but feebly express the sentiments of my members. Your presence here to-day shows that the deep interest you have manifested towards us during the last nine months has not diminished. Although with the thought of the last day at our school, (the school which is and always will be very dear to each of us), there is a feeling of joy, we cannot but mingle with it, deep regret that the time has arrived when we must say "Good bye." Our number this year is larger than ever before, and of course with us, it is the best of all preceding classes. We feel very sorry that some of the students that came in September are not with us to-day. Two left us for a better world. Those who had to leave this time, will come back in their future, made stronger by their failure this time. This year as last, we issued a paper, and the appointment of our energetic editor, it has proved a success. The mock parliament and debating society could not get to do its members a great deal of good. How many of you who have come to our closing, fully appreciate the common cause? Is the profession merely a pecuniary one, or is it one designed to uplift man? Every student who comes to this school, with his heart and soul in the work, goes forth strengthened, and with a high ideal ever before him. He will not only make this world better, but at the close of his career, will have the consciousness of not having lived in vain, and that they who will receive the benefit of his or her teaching. Your children, who will one day fill the positions you now fill. You, ladies and gentlemen, should feel as proud as we, and think with us that the teaching profession is one to none in the world. Fredericton Friends.—We soon leave your beautiful city, and what a difference there is between the feelings of to-day, and those of nine months ago! We came to you, strangers. You opened your hospitalities to us, and we have seen how at home we felt when we entered those homes, and basked under the vine and fig tree. While here a number of life-long friendships have been formed, and the farewells which must be said will in some cases be heart-rending. Principal and Instructors.—The day has at last arrived, when we must also bid you "farewell," some for a longer and some for a shorter time. Our work has covered a wide area. Let us hope it has been successful. You who have been both our instructors and our friends in helping us up the path that leads to success, have not only shown your deep interest in our welfare, but have ever dealt kindly and impartially with every member of our class. We know that you have all worked together for our good and have not been weary in well doing. To our professional instructor, we wish to render our sincere thanks, for the many lessons he has given us, both for our good and for good those whom we someday hope to guide. We will "teach the young idea how to shoot," much better for having been under the instruction of one so faithful. Some of us felt in our first lessons in natural science, that we had never seen the beauties and wonders of nature; that the little things that make up this great universe, were seen by us through a glass darkly. But now we seem carried away, when we behold the manifold works of our Creator, and we thank him, Surely our faithful instructor receives it all.

In our only lady instructor we have a very sincere friend. She has endeavored to teach us to care better for ourselves and for others, and has ever been forgetful of her own interests. We have been grateful for her taking the pains to straighten their shoulders, and not a few now know the art of breathing. To you, our mathematical instructors, we feel that we owe very deep gratitude. How often we have worried over a problem, without success; and how very willing you were to solve the difficulties for us. We hope, as we say "good bye" to you, that you will be able to make what changes a few short months have brought about. When we met in this hall for the first time, how strange we were to the representatives of the people at Ottawa would pay a little more attention to the people's interest, and not devote all their energy to Harris land jobs and other private enterprises of questionable character, the people around here might not have to hunt so hard for something to be thankful for.

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you not remember how we wondered who "that one" and "who this one" was? And while we were lost in wonderment one of our kind instructors came and helped us out of the difficulty. One of our students passed away when only half through her work.

How shocked we were, when arriving at school one morning to hear that another faithful and patient student had been "cut" by the "one" of her youth." May her exemplary school life prove a blessing to us all! The restow of duties, and our other duties, let us hope that each will be as faithful and earnest as those who have guided and instructed us through the past months.

Class-mates.—With you I am more intimately acquainted, and so it seems hard, very hard to say "good bye." We feel better for having been together for even such a short time, and though this happy day has come we would feel it if we could. We will soon be scattered to our work, all of the same profession, yet how different the experience which we will have to talk over when we meet again. Some of our classmates fell the other day, hard, and had to rest for a while. They had our sincere sympathy.

The best is to come and see. We will come off more than conquerors; and as we go forth from these endeared halls, may the ties remain as one unbroken chain. The bond that links our souls together, will it last through stormy weather? Will it moulder and decay? As the long hours fade away? Will it stretch if Fate divide us? When dark and weary hours have tried us? O if it look too poor and slight, Let us break the link to-night. Mr. Superintendent, Frederictonians, Principal and Instructors, Fellow students, Class-mates, Farewell!

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

The republican convention now in session at Minneapolis for the choice of a candidate to represent that party at the coming presidential election, was very much divided. James G. Blaine, secretary of state, and president Harrison are running a race with the odds at present strongly in favor of the latter. The result will not be definitely known till Saturday night. It is understood that the Blainites had a majority on the committee of credentials and that enough votes would be thrown out by this body to make Blaine's nomination sure. The Harrison men are certain of victory and the contest is watched with interest. To add to the complications, major McKinley, of tariff fame, has an influential party at his back urging his claims as a future president. Then a strong appeal is made by the veterans of the war and their friends that a soldier be chosen. The one effect of this division in the party ranks is a wholesale weakening all along the line. It is proving a stimulus to the democrats, who with Cleve and their unanimous choice see in the quarrels of their opponents a premonition of victory for their leader.

Many of the republicans are in favor of reciprocity more or less restricted, while others favor the McKinley stripe as determined on the very highest tariff rates. This is one cause of the trouble at the convention. It appears to be the general opinion, judging from the speeches in the republican ranks, that the democrats, with Cleveland as candidate, will have an easy victory. A vote was taken this morning with the result that Harrison led Blaine by four to one. His remains removed from the temporary vault and finally laid to rest in Cataract cemetery.

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AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

Sir Leonard Tilley is at Montreal en route for the west. Bisson, the liberal candidate for the local legislature, was elected in Beaufort, Quebec by about 350 majority. Dr. Lagace, M. P., for Kent county, who has been so seriously ill at Ottawa, was brought home on the C. P. R. Saturday evening.

Bernard Wolfel, who Tuesday confessed in court at New York to being a fire-bug, hanged himself in his cell early Wednesday morning. The steamer "Beta" arrived at parentine, Halifax, from Jamaica Thursday afternoon, flying a yellow flag; she had small-pox on board. In the rifle match between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick teams at Drury race on Wednesday the score stood 671 to 692 in favor of Nova Scotia.

A pleasure boat Monday capsized in Bourque lake, seven miles from Chambois, causing the death by drowning of seven students, a priest and the boatman. We are pained to learn that his friends find it desirable that Squire Alex. Kirkpatrick, of Duboc Jet, should be taken to the asylum, St. John, for treatment. It is understood that the liabilities of the Hon. Honoré Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, who Wednesday abandoned his estate to his creditors, will amount to fully \$70,000.

Thos. Norquay, M. P., brother of the late premier of Manitoba, died Thursday morning from the effects of injuries received while crossing the railway track at Kingston. Capt. J. S. McLean, of the Salvation Army, Moncton, was married Tuesday night at Springfield, to Lieut. Redpath. The newly married couple went on a trip to E. J. O'Leary, of Grand Falls, died last week at Montreal, where he had gone for medical treatment; he had not been in good health, but his condition had not been considered critical.

The Provincial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will convene in the A. O. H. rooms, Woodstock, Monday afternoon, 13th inst, and will probably conclude its sessions Wednesday noon. The Quebec house of assembly on a motion of non-confidence in the government on the question of the vote of the Montreal convention, the government were sustained by a majority of 84. Joseph Pallucci, a member of D'haol of infantry, London, was marking for target practice at the ranges Monday, when he was shot fatally by one of the men who aimed at the wing target.

Henry Page, the famous Gipsy who has served terms in half a dozen state prisons, was given three years at St. Vincent de Paul, Montreal, Thursday for obtaining money under false pretences. Ten inches of snow and the thermometer below the freezing point on the 6th day of June is the story that comes from South Dakota and Wyoming. Grass, grain and all vegetation is said to be practically destroyed. Charles Campbell, son of the late lieutenant, governor of Ontario, reached Kingston on the 8th, returning from Europe. He had four to one. His remains removed from the temporary vault and finally laid to rest in Cataract cemetery.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HARD COAL.

800 TONS to arrive and now on the way etc. Best Quality of ANTHRACITE, in Broken Egg, Store and Chestnut sizes. Parties requiring Coal had better place order and get it from vessel as Coal is advancing in price in New York. Old Mine Sydney, Victoria Sydney, Reserve Sydney and Spring Hill to arrive.

E. H. ALLEN.

Campbell St. above City Hall. Sheathing Paper. 1/2 CASH Dry and Tarrad Sheathing Paper. Wholesale and Retail. JAMES S. NEILL. TO LET. THAT well located residence on King street, at present occupied by Dr. Oubon, supplied with all the conveniences, and in a quiet possession gives May 1st. Apply to JOHN EDGECOMBE & SONS, Fredericton, April 21st.

Boys Wanted.

TO learn the CARRIAGE MAKING. Apply at JOHN EDGECOMBE & SONS, Fredericton, April 21st.

Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber's Farm at St. Mary's, near the Railway Station, containing 500 acres, 100 of which are in cultivation. There are two houses, barns and outbuildings on the premises, all in good repair. For further particulars apply to JOHN A. EDWARDS, Queen Hotel, Fred. April 9, 1892.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that JOHN OWEN of the City of Fredericton, Merchant, has this day executed a Trust Deed, vesting all the real and personal estate which he shall come to and owns the said Deed being ninety days from this date. The Trust Deed now lies at the office of Frank J. Morrison, Queen Street, Fredericton, for inspection and execution. Dated at Fredericton, N. B., this 26th day of April, A. D. 1892. J. H. BARRY, FRANK J. MORRISON, Trustees.

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4 CHEAP EXCURSIONS 4 Canadian North West! FROM ALL PORTS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, TO LEAVE ON JUNE 13th, 20th, 27th, and JULY 18th, 1892. TICKETS GOOD TO RETURN UNTIL JULY 24th, 31st, and AUGUST 7th, 28th, 1892. For Rates and other information enquire of your nearest Railway Ticket Agent. D. McNICOLL, C. E. McPHERSON, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agent, 24-1 MONTREAL, ST. JOHN, N. B.

DRANTFORD BICYCLES.

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AMONG the "Watches" famed in Story are the "Black Watch" (and Highlander), the "Watch on the Rhine," and the "Motto of our own Watch." This is an age requiring both watches and watchfulness, especially in business. The business man who in this era of sharp competition is content to stick to the old ways of his grandfathers is sure to be swamped by his more audacious and enterprising competitors. To use an expressive (if not dignified) phrase, we have reached out to "get left," if the adoption of new ideas in the profession of our business is calculated to be a factor towards success. We are proud of the genius displayed at the present time by some of our fellow citizens in trade, and believe the assurance, even if those in competition with us in the methods adopted by them to draw attention to their establishments. We may be pardoned for claiming that we know our business in all its details. 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