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A RIDICULOUS CHARGE.

The Globe in its leading editorial last evening charges the local government, and particularly the law officers of the crown, with neglect of duty in not once preparing indictments against the officials of the Fredericton Deaf and Dumb Institution on the charges preferred by the Telegraph. Instead of appointing a Royal Commissioner to enquire into the management of this public institution.

We are glad to learn that the Globe has had a change of heart regarding this matter, for at the outset of the enquiry, when the Telegraph's charges had been published to the world, our evening contemporary was not able to convince itself that these charges were of much moment and in common with the Fredericton Gleaser misquoted the evidence day by day as it was given in the open hearings with the idea of belittling the seriousness of the whole affair. It was then a matter of so little importance that so far as we are aware not a single editorial comment appeared in the Globe during the months of the enquiry, urging the prosecution of the offenders. Yet the Globe knew exactly as much as the local government or the law officers of the crown of the charges preferred and the evidence in support of them. But it should have known that the Globe, according to the published reports of the institution, was a Corresponding Director of the Fredericton Deaf and Dumb School, and has for many years occupied that position, which one would suppose would have enabled him to have obtained the fullest knowledge of the doings of the institution and its officials.

If Senator Ellis like many others all loved his name to be used as a mantle of respectability with which to cloak the villainy of the officials; if he were contented to rest easy in the dignity of a Directorship of this institution without assuming its corresponding responsibilities, it would seem that from his paper at least the charge of neglect of duty comes with bad grace.

As the Globe properly remarks "Why then was not prompt action taken to punish the alleged offenders? And by whom should the duty have been assumed so properly as by the Directors, local and corresponding?"

The report of Commissioner Barry reached the government last Tuesday evening. On the following day the Attorney-General asked Judge Gregory not to dismiss the grand jury as he had other indictments to present, and on Thursday he informed the judge that these indictments were against the officials of the Fredericton Institution for the Deaf. The Attorney-General asked for eight days' adjournment, as it was necessary to secure a competent interpreter who must be brought from some one of the schools for the deaf, and also to arrange for the attendance of witnesses who are scattered over the Maritime Provinces and Eastern States. Where there was the necessary delay?

Not even the Telegraph, which preferred the charges, was in a position at the opening of the enquiry before the Royal Commission to provide evidence to indict any one of the officials, although it had sufficient evidence to ask for an enquiry. If the Globe will enquire into the criminal law of Canada it will discover that very complete evidence is necessary to convict guilty parties where the victims are afflicted with deafness and the lack of speech.

In a word, the Globe has allowed its hostility to the local government to make it ridiculous in the eyes of those who have followed closely the prosecution of the serious charges against the officials of the Fredericton Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.

BRET HARTE.

There is much and diverse newspaper comment upon the fact that the estate of the late Bret Harte is valued at less than \$2,000. Most of those who speak of the author's failure to amass a fortune appear to think it was strange or deplorable. The younger is that Bret Harte left anything which he could have turned into money. Had he fallen heir to a fortune early in life, the world probably would have known nothing of his true worth—which is not to be estimated in money. A careless man, too careless doubtless, the poet and writer was often in debt and was ever spending more than his income here and there in the United States consul. Perhaps the fact that for a time he had a regular salary tantamount to a loss to the world, for he wrote freely in his later years and the spur of necessity might have given us a richer legacy of prose and verse.

The man's fiercest enemy was not the man before him, but the man who had the luxury of living which appealed to him later on. Those who admired his work never thought of him as a money-maker. He was impatient of harness and of sys-

tem, like so many great men, one of whom, Daniel Webster, as a contemporary reminds us, willed away property which was not his to bequeath. Bret Harte no doubt would have been surprised if he had known before he died that he had \$2,000 still unspent. No money is needed to build monuments for such.

HOPELESS.

An indignant Canadian resident of Boston sends to the Telegraph a marked copy of the Boston Evening Record, in which he has ringered with a blue pencil the following, which appears at the head of the editorial page:

OUR GREATEST DUTY.

The thought of every public man, year in and year out, should be directed to this, our greatest national, economic, political and military safety, THE ACQUISITION OF CANADA.

"This appears daily," our correspondent complains. What is the effect of it? Annexation is a dead issue here and in the United States—as dead as the proverbial door nail.

The effect of the Record's daily imperiousness upon the Canadians who see it, is to amuse some, and to cause all of them to think more warmly of their native land. In printing it the Record defests its own aims. The Telegraph can see no reason why anyone should be disturbed by it, and believes that few are.

If our friend, and any who are like him, are looking for comfort they can find it, right in Boston, by studying the columns of the Advertiser, of which the excited Record is the evening edition. The Advertiser expresses alarm over this country's growing commercial strength, its great prosperity, and its constantly increasing independence of the American market. Every Canadian can enjoy the note of greed and envy, forever to be unsatisfied, which appears in the following out cry from the Advertiser:

The Advertiser has tried to show to its readers all the developments between Canada and the Tory government of England, looking to give Canadian producers of cereals, as well as of butter, cheese and eggs, great advantages in the British market. As a result of this policy our exports are falling off, while those from Canada are increasing. The situation is growing serious, so that the time is fast coming when the Canadian problem will concern not only New England, but all the west. The appreciation of the great value of Canada to our whole country is growing fast, and working on that line, the business men of Boston will soon have a national support. The idea is somewhat absurd of making such an alarm over Great Britain and Great Britain in Venezuela, and not a quiver with Great Britain stretched across our entire land frontier, save only Mexico! If we control the vast wheat fields, the enormous water power, the timber and mineral wealth of Canada, our national destiny is complete. Otherwise, it can never be.

Well, neighbor, it can never be. The Advertiser believes the Newfoundland reciprocity treaty will be killed in the senate, and mourns over the coming failure to take even that "smallest step to break down the barriers." The whole situation, the editor tells his readers, is very grave, but it must be faced, and Canada must be annexed. How? He does not say, because that is a question no man can answer.

Unless the Boston Journal acquires wisdom with increasing years there is before it an old age soured by hopeless envy and covetousness.

THE PREMIER'S HEALTH.

The Toronto World and some other Conservative newspapers which believe their hopeless party might have some chance if Sir Wilfrid Laurier were in private life, have circulated from time to time, rumors that he contemplates retiring soon. The World gave publicity to such a report on Saturday, and it was telegraphed all over the Dominion, coupled with the Tory newspaper's reconstruction of the Liberal cabinet and other speculations born of the hope that the premier might be forced by ill-health to seek rest from public office.

Sir Wilfrid passed through Montreal yesterday, en route to Quebec, and a reporter told him about the rumors and placed before him a copy of the Toronto World, containing an editorial discussing the reports with evident relish. The premier, says the Telegraph's correspondent, "smiled, and said it was interesting to notice how anxious some people were to get him out of the way. As he felt much better than he did six months ago, he would think they would be disappointed." He laughed heartily over the editorial, and said "he was good for one more parliament at least."

The report that he contemplates retiring is untrue. He returned from the south in good health, and went to work. There is no reason at this time why such reports should be circulated. They were not surprising some months ago, although even then they were without foundation. The premier's friends hope and believe that he is good, not only for another session, but for several more, but they would not urge him to remain in harness if he were convinced that by doing so he would shorten his life, as public men have done before him.

The fortunes of the Tories are at low ebb when they set foot on, and bolster up in the face of repeated and authoritative de-

ment, reports which they know to be incorrect, and for which all good Canadians hope there will be no foundation for years to come. The premier said yesterday he felt better in the bracing air of Canada than he felt in Florida, and his appearance was in keeping with his own report of his health.

VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

In view of the prevalence of smallpox in different sections of the province in recent years, and the recognized necessity of taking the most effective steps to guard against the spread of this dreadful disease, the legislature, at its last session, passed an act requiring that, before children should be enrolled, or admitted to any public school there should be produced, to the satisfaction of the teacher, a certificate showing that the child asking to be admitted to the school had been successfully vaccinated within three years preceding such application.

It having come to the notice of the Attorney-General that some chairmen of the Boards of Health have given notice that the certificate of vaccination must be signed by a medical practitioner, he has advised that this is not necessary, but that a certificate of the parent or guardian of the children, verified by a solemn declaration, will be a sufficient compliance with the act.

This decision of the Attorney-General is highly important because, in many instances, particularly in the country districts, parents are in the habit of procuring vaccine points and themselves vaccinating their children. While it is desirable that the vaccination should be done by a medical practitioner, it frequently happens in the country that this is not practicable owing to there not being a doctor in the vicinity.

CATTLEMEN INDIGNANT.

As was to be expected a protest from Canadian cattlemen follows a recent decision of the British Board of Agriculture permitting the S. S. Ulstermore to load cattle at Baltimore within eight days of clearing from Boston.

The ship would not have been allowed to load at St. John, or any other Canadian port, under the British board's rules, until twenty-one days after she cleared from Boston. The cattlemen do not believe there is any danger of infection in the case of the Ulstermore, but they point out that if it is safe to permit her to load at Baltimore it would be quite as safe to allow her to load here before twenty-one days had elapsed. It is pointed out that while Boston is the natural outlet for the infected districts of the United States, there is no disease in Maine, yet the British authorities will not accept cattle loaded at St. John by a steamer which has come here within twenty-one days of clearing from Portland.

Mr. Robert Bickdrake, M. P., is reported by the Montreal Herald as saying the British authorities have treated Canada most unfairly in the matter, and indeed it appears there is good cause for complaint.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

The Auditor General's reports and statement recently published in the Royal Gazette, show that the succession duties form quite an important item in the provincial revenues.

The amount collected from 1895 to 1902, inclusive, is \$136,388.04. Of the above, the amount collected by the Attorney-General from the commencement of the fiscal year 1895 to the appointment of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, in September, 1899, was \$84,464.46, and the amount collected by Mr. Pugsley since his appointment to the close of the fiscal year 1902, \$51,923.58. The charges of the Attorney-General's department for collecting the duties during the first period was \$1,548.00, and during the second period, \$790.31.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

It appears that former Principal Woodbridge, of the Fredericton Deaf and Dumb school, set out for the United States yesterday, but was turned back at the border by a United States immigration officer.

A ticket in opposition to the local government was to have been nominated in Albert county Monday. For some reason which does not appear, the names were not made public after the meeting, but it was said they would be given out tomorrow.

Ontario Conservatives who are excited over their defeat complain that their party is run by cliques and that the organization is in a well-nigh hopeless condition. That may be, but the people desire the continuation of the Row government and voted accordingly.

There may be serious trouble in the Eastern United States cities because of the coal famine before spring. Our despatches tell of a mob of men, women and children who looted a coal-laden train in Chease, and carried off several tons before the police beat them off.

Premier Tweedie's telegram of congratulation to Premier Ross was: "The Executive Government of New Brunswick in session heartily congratulate you on today's success."

The wife of a member of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission telegraphed him that there was no coal in the house and that none was to be procured. He went home to see what could be done.

A false report, originating in the United

States, that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain had been assassinated, caused much excitement in the London stock market on Friday last and kaffir stocks were depressed until an authoritative denial was made.

Mr. J. D. O'Connell, who may be an opposition candidate in Kings county, writes to the Sussex Record, complaining because that newspaper gave credit to the Sussex county members for their recent prompt action in reference to a Sussex crossing which had been closed and which they caused to be opened. The editor, apparently, printed the letter without attempting to improve upon his correspondent's literary style. The form of the communication, as it appears, will scarcely enhance the reputation of the man who signs it, as perhaps the Record man knew when he allowed it to get into print as it was. If Mr. O'Connell talks as he writes he will use but one sentence for a fairly long campaign speech. And it will not be convincing.

TWO LIVES LOST IN FIRE IN WEALTHY HOME.

Mrs. Henry, whose Father Was Millionaire Lewisohn, is Burned to Death—Servant Jumped from Window.

New York, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Florence Henry, wife of Philip S. Henry, a wealthy coffee merchant, and daughter of the late millionaire banker, Leonard Lewisohn, was burned to death this morning in a fire that almost entirely destroyed the residence of the family, 54 East Fifty-sixth street. Albert Erickson, a Swedish domestic, jumped from the fourth story and received injuries from which she died soon afterwards in the hospital. The fire had evidently gained considerable headway before it was discovered for when the first alarm was sent the house was in flames. Mrs. Henry's two infant children were saved by Mary Rudge, a nurse girl, Mr. Henry who was slightly burned, was rescued by a policeman. It was then supposed that his wife had already made her escape. Mrs. Henry's charred body was found in her bedroom on the second floor. Apparently she had succumbed to the smoke while attempting to reach a window. Mrs. Henry, who was 25 years old, was married six years ago in London, where her husband was in business. The property damage is about \$20,000.

Salisbury Notes.

Salisbury, Jan. 12.—Miss Ruby Rayworth of Moncton, is the guest of Mrs. H. C. James.

Jack and Will Duncan, of Moncton, spent Sunday here with their parents. Miss Tilly Robertson, of Havelock, is spending a few days with her friends, Miss Mabel Price.

Master Ned Grey returned to school at Monmouth last week. Harry Manion leaves tomorrow for Monmouth. Miss Gladys Starnes returned Saturday after spending a month in St. John with her grand parents.

Last week the "week of prayer" was observed here by united services held in the different churches.

Will Trites, son of A. E. Trites, has gone to Fredericton to take a course in business college.

Rev. H. V. Davies leaves tomorrow for St. Martins to spend a few days with relatives.

A successful carnival was held here Saturday evening in the open air rink. The very cold weather prevented a number from appearing in costume.

A basket social is advertised for next Wednesday evening at the home of J. J. Parker, the proceeds in aid of the Methodist church.

Captain Carter returned Saturday from Dorchester.

HOME AFFAIRS.

Mrs. George Mealey has been appointed matron at the I. C. R. station.

About 350 emigrants who have been in Halifax passed through the city Monday on their way to Western Canada and the States.

The body of Thomas A. Goddard, aged 28, who died January 9 in Boston, of hemorrhage and shock, was taken through the city Monday for burial at Weymouth (N. S.).

Fred Dugas, while working at Herrington's lumber camp, near Bathurst, was instantly killed Saturday. Logs fell on him. Deceased was 24 years old and belonged at Carleton Place.

Frederick McLeod Fenwick, son of George W. Fenwick, formerly of Millstream, Kings county, recently married Miss Agnes Keese Duff, a society woman of San Francisco, in which city Mr. Fenwick resides.

Captain Leonard, of the Pleasant Point ferry, Elijah Ross, was taken ill Monday, and was obliged to relinquish command. Capt. Wm. Worden, of the yacht Dream, will be in charge until Captain Leonard's recovery.

Attorney-General Pugsley received a cable from Lord Strathcona Monday stating that the body of L. A. Allison, of Sussex, who died at Torquay, was being carefully looked after and would be forwarded by early steamer.

In the Circuit court Monday morning, true bills on the counts of attempted murder and assault with actual bodily harm were found against Morrison, Stone, King and Carlin. The case will come up on conclusion of the Goodspeed trial.

The will of John Parker Bell was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted yesterday to the widow, Elizabeth Bell, the executrix under the will. The estate consists of \$4,877 personal property; John Willet, executor.

The marriage of Robert J. McKenzie, of Greenwich, and Annie Watson, of the same place, took place Jan. 7th, at the residence of Charles P. G. Green, Rev. S. J. Perry officiated. Many useful presents were received by the bride.

Famous Inventor Insane.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Goubet, the inventor of submarine torpedoes, hosts, has developed insanity, and has been placed in an asylum.

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Did you ever see so many conflicting statements concerning Clothing Sales? Nearly every advertisement you read nowadays tells you the firm it represents sells the "best" clothing at the "lowest" price. When you come right down to it there can be but ONE best make of clothing and but ONE firm that sells at the lowest price.

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Men's Overcoats were - - 10.00. Now 6.50	Boys' Vestee Suits were - 4.50 to 8.00. Now 3.00
Men's Overcoats were - - 12.00. Now 8.00	Boys' 2-Piece Suits were - 2.25 to 2.75. Now 1.89
Men's Overcoats were - - 18.00. Now 10.00	Boys' 3-Piece Suits were - 4.50 to 5.50. Now 3.95
Men's Ulsters were - - 8.00. Now 4.90	Boys' Ulsters were - 4.00 to 5.00. Now 3.00
Men's Ulsters were - - 10.00. Now 6.00	Boys' Fancy Overcoats were 5.50 to 6.50. Now 4.95

Boys' Two Piece Suits, 8 to 12 Years.	Boys' Vestee Suits, 8 to 9 Years.	Boys' Ulsters, 8 to 12 Years.
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\$2.95 for \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00 kind.	Former prices \$5.00 to \$6.00.	4.95 for \$5.50, 6.00, 6.50 kind.
3.95 for 4.50, 5.00, 5.50 kind.		5.95 for \$7.00, 7.25, 8.00, 9.00 kind.
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WARM CONTEST FOR MAYOR OF WOODSTOCK.

Three Candidates in the Field—Contest for Town Councillors Also—Many Other Items of Interest.

Woodstock, Jan. 12.—The bridge carrying the water works pipe across the Meduxnawick creek, is in danger of being carried away by the spring run of ice, and to guard against such a possibility, the town is about to build a breakwater, faced with brick, to be two feet wider than the stone pier on which the pipe rests, which pier, having been built with small stones, might not stand the run of ice; hardwood will be used for the bottom of the breakwater, hemlock on top, and filled in with stone. James McDougall will do the work, under the superintendence of D. Munro, superintendent of water works.

Never before in the history of the town has so much interest been taken in a town election as is being in next Monday's election. Tonight a public meeting will be held to hear reports from the mayor and councillors. Next Thursday is nomination day.

Each of the three candidates for the mayoralty is making strong efforts to win. The candidates for councillors now number eight for six positions. The returning officers appointed for the election are John Donnell, Frank Foster, substitutes, Owen Kelly, H. W. Bourne, J. S. Leighton Jr., J. McKenzie.

The town has received a cheque from the Dominion government for perpetual entrance to the sewer for the dominion building. It has been a year since the agreement was made between the government and town, and now the clerk has been instructed to ask the government to pay a bill for a year's sewerage.

The Home Comfort Range Company has warehouses in town, and doing business in the county. The town has been trying to collect a license of \$100, but after consulting legal advice, it was found that evidence would have to be presented showing that the company sold or offered to sell stoves in town. Now the marshal is after the employees of the company for working within the town limits, and can collect a license fee from each.

St. Martins Items.

St. Martins, N. B., Jan. 12.—The Upham and St. Martins branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society held its annual meeting in the Reformed Presbyterian church, Barnesville, on Thursday last. Addresses were given by Rev. Alfred Barnham, Donald Stewart and R. G. Fulton. The president of the society, Samuel Patterson, reported on the year's work, which was very satisfactory, showing this branch to be the banner one in the province. The election of officers resulted as follows: Samuel Patterson, president; Rev. Alfred Barnham, vice-president; Mrs. A. S. Currie, secretary.

A. P. Bentley, of Chatham, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. F. Palmer.

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New York, Jan. 10.—Active operations will, it is announced, shortly begin toward the erection of the largest gas plant in the world in the Astoria section of Long Island City. The plant will cover 300 acres, and it will probably take five years to complete its erection, although it is expected that within four years' time the work will have advanced so far that the first manufacture of gas in the gigantic plant will be started. More than 500 mechanics and laborers will shortly be put to work. The plans for the plant have been entirely completed. The plant in full operation will employ several thousand men.

Prinetti Accepts Duel Challenge.
Rome, Jan. 10.—Foreign Minister Prinetti has accepted a challenge to fight a duel with a former cavalry officer, Count Balgarden. The latter was commissioner to report on the condition of the "Little Italian" slaves abroad. Not seeing his report published he obtained a personal interview with Signor Prinetti which resulted in a quarrel. Later the count sent two friends to Signor Prinetti who promised to name his seconds.

Salvation Army Worker Retires.
Toronto, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Lieut.-Col. Mrs. Read, for nearly seven years dominion superintendent of the women's and children's rescue and prison gate work of the Salvation Army, and who has been ill for some time, has relinquished her work and is succeeded by Mrs. Brigadier Southall, late of the army's work in the Northwest.