

CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER

SACKVILLE, N. B., MARCH 20, 1890.

Too Much Revenue.

This Province is indeed fortunate amongst all the communities of earth; it has too much revenue! The Premier, Mr. Blair, has discovered since the elections went against him that the Province has too much revenue and a reduction can be made in the dues from the forest. Better terms—a readjustment—according to Quebec Resolutions—claims from the Dominion—these things are now of no importance whatever; the Province has too much revenue already. Happy Province! Lucky government to control so replete a treasury!

This is truly an age of advanced ideas. In old times we were taught to believe that our public domain was the property of the people at large; that the people of Western Canada, Albert, St. John and Carleton, were as much owners in it as the people of Northumberland or Kent. It was also a school day belief that people at large required the public timber lands to be conserved and preserved in such a way as to make the most revenue possible out of them; the tax-payers were entitled to every dollar they would yield when put into the market for open competition.

To Mr. Blair's advanced theories of government, the above system is old fashioned and has to be relegated to the good old honest past. We are enjoying an era of progress. We learn now for the first time that the public are not entitled to all they can get out of the timber lands in the open markets of the country. They are only entitled to what a government has to leave after using the public lands to pay for support to keep them in power. We are living in a remarkable period of the world's history. We remember in old times, our politicians used to struggle to get all the money they could on the roads and bridges—and all they could devote to the public schools in order to reduce the direct taxation on the rate-payer. We have now outrun and outgrown any such foolish ideas, thanks to Mr. Blair. The people are satisfied to have no more money on roads and bridges. There are no back settlements that need road grants. There are no school districts whose rate-payers desire to be lightened of their tax. The tax-payers are delighted to have a continuance of Mr. Blair's regime, that they can go with poorer roads and bridges, or pay for themselves, and pay more school taxes in order to enable Mr. Blair and his friends to spend the public money. We have no doubt that the public and progressive House of Assembly will sustain Mr. Blair in his efforts to keep down the revenues within their proper limits.

THE RECENT increase in freight rates on the Intercolonial, while discriminating unfairly against Maritime interests in general, appears to bear with particular severity upon the foundrymen of the Lower Provinces. In the first place, the classification of stoves and other castings has been changed, and they are now charged at second class rates instead of third class as formerly, but unlike nearly all other kinds of second class goods, they are only carried at the owners risk. This change in the classification, with the increase in rates, makes an advance in local charges equal to fifty per cent. For instance, the old rate on stoves from Sackville to St. John was eighteen cents per 100 lbs., while it is now twenty-five cents for the same distance and weight. The local rate on the I. C. R., for stoves and other goods of the same class, is twenty-one cents per 100 lbs., for shorter distances the charge is proportionately very much higher. The through rate on second class goods, from Sackville to the Maritime Provinces, is only seven cents per 100 lbs. for 100 miles, or only one-third of the local rate, so that the manufacturers of the Lower Provinces are practically deprived of the advantages which should be theirs from their proximity to the market, and an unfair discrimination is created in favor of the Upper Provinces. To further illustrate the exorbitant character of the local charges on the I. C. R., it is only necessary to state that the combination rate for 100 miles on the Boston & Maine and the New Brunswick Railways is only four cents per 100 lbs.

The enormous increase of the rate on stoves and other castings is another illustration of the folly of attempting to manage the I. C. R. from Ottawa. The increase in charges, if continued, will prove to be practically prohibitory, for at least 150 tons of stoves and hollow ware will be shipped from Sackville to St. John by vessel during the coming season. The same conditions will prevail at Moncton and other shipping ports on the I. C. R. and Merchants and other shippers will send or receive the bulk of their goods by water. The result of continuing the exorbitant charges will be that the railway will receive less revenue instead of more, while manufacturers and others are put to unnecessary loss and inconvenience.

A few weeks ago a public meeting held at Shediac took steps towards improving their shipping facilities, by passing several resolutions bearing upon the subject. It was proved conclusively that he water front could be easily and at a moderate expenditure dredged so as to admit of the larger classes of vessels discharging their cargoes, and that owing to the present bad condition of the port, loads could not be discharged, and lumber was loaded only at a great expense. It was considered advisable to have a faster steamer placed on the route between the Island and the Mainland; the present one required 4 hours to sail 37 miles with the result that rarely the train connections were made. It is hoped that our rulers while in council will consider this matter as far as in their power, and give to Shediac better marine connection than she has enjoyed in the past.

Maritime Matters.

—Henry Peters the largest real estate owner in Halifax, died recently. —Yarmouth, N. S. has voted against town incorporation by 236 to 204. —Mr. Governor Price, of Lunenburg, Northumberland, has a horse which crawled into his hay mow last fall, and is still sleeping.

—Large quantities of oats are now received at Fredericton from Ontario, which sell at 35¢ cents per bushel in the early spring.

—Gaspereaux are coming in St. John harbor in fair quantities and small catches are reported.

—The Donaldson line steamer, Colina, is at Halifax loading 40,000 bushels of grain and 450 cattle for Glasgow.

—Burglars broke into the store of L. S. Doucet & Co., and the house of Mr. Chisholm at Baddeck, and carried off some goods, recently.

—Rial Howe, of Victoria settlement was instantly killed at Oranmore, on Tuesday last week, by falling off a horse.

—Hugh McCormick, the world's champion skater, was presented with a handsome gold watch, a purse of \$100, and an address, by the citizens of St. John last week.

—The shipping of horses from the Island to St. John and other markets has commenced. A carload of light and heavy ones arrived at St. John last week.

—The Halifax banks have made the following net earnings to capital during the last year: Nova Scotia, 16½ per cent; Merchants, 12; Halifax, 12; Union, 10½ per cent.

—Says the *Richibucto Review*: The St. Louis Branch Railway has not been in running order for some time. The freight is handled out by Daniel Flanagan the well-known teamster.

—Forty-four carloads, or about 25,000 bushels of potatoes, have been shipped to the United States via the Moncton & Buctouche Ry., since last fall.

—While the schooner, Cecilia, of the Horton, was sailing from Parrsboro to St. John, a whale about 70 feet long appeared alongside the vessel and followed it for fully two hours.

—Wm. Delaney, St. John man, attempted to commit suicide some months ago, but was only badly injured. On Sunday last he again attempted it, but was again restrained.

—The Norwegian steamer, Bratsburg, put into Halifax on Friday last, and on Saturday morning, the vessel was wrecked on the shore.

—By the upsetting of a lamp, the Baptist Seminary at St. Martins, had a narrow escape being burned, on Sunday week. It was only by the strenuous efforts of the students that the fire was kept from spreading.

—More than 20,000 barrels of lime were manufactured by the Brs d'Or Line Co., during the last year. The crossed facilities are to be provided to meet the demand, which is said to largely exceed the present supply.

—Master Warren, a Newfoundland, employed at Little Glace Bay mines as a laborer, was instantly killed last week, by the fall of some frozen earth while working in an old drift.

—It is stated on good authority that a steamer of about 700 tons is to be built at Digby, to run between Digby and other western ports and Boston, parties in Digby, Annapolis and the Annapolis valley being interested.

—In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, recently, Premier Fielding gave notice of a bill to authorize the government to borrow another \$300,000 to expend on road and bridge service. The financial returns show an expenditure for the year of \$713,941.

—Lucy McInnis, an attractive P. E. I. girl, died at Charlottetown from the effects of a criminal operation. A physician is suspected. A young man named Henry Duggan, who was intimate with the deceased, disappeared. Her father accompanied the remains to the Island.

—The farmers near Margate, P. E. I., and neighboring settlements, were this year as last, facing a large sheet of ice over the water and mud flat (which are seldom frozen over) so that they are supplied themselves with such much needed goods.

—Last week while Mrs. W. F. Todd, of St. Stephen, was driving, the horse became unmanageable and ran away, and she was killed.

—A young man, at considerable personal risk, stopped the animal, and has since been presented by Mrs. Todd with a fine gold watch.

—The ventilated barrel company, of Halifax, have applied for incorporation, with a capital of \$25,000. They propose to purchase from the Dominion the manufacture and sell in Nova Scotia.

—Five schooners were recently seized in Cape Breton for smuggling between Nova Scotia and St. Pierre. The offences were considered by the Minister of Customs and Excise, who has rendered decisions fining the schooners, Marion, Onward and John Kelly, \$400 each, and confiscating to the Crown the schooners Alice and Lucy.

—The striking similarity between the recent Benwell murder in Ontario and the circumstances in connection with the disappearance of Michael Leary near Campbelltown, nearly two years ago, is attracting the attention of the Ontario provincial police, who it is understood are investigating Leary's death.

—A large building on Holland Cove farm, opposite Charlottetown, and the property of T. A. McLean, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. A pure bred Jersey bull and Berkshire sow with a litter of pigs, were cremated. All the farm implements were destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

—James Christie, a section man on the I. C. R., was run over and killed instantly on the 12th, at a short distance west of Penobscus by the midnight express. Mr. Christie resided at Plum-wesep, was about 28 years of age, and leaves a wife and family of five young children. The discovery of the accident was made this morning. The head was cut from the body and was thrown into a field adjoining the track.

—In "The Editor's Study" of HARBERT'S MAGAZINE for April W. D. Howells will call attention to a book entitled "God in His World"—by a writer who chooses to withhold his name—an interpretation of the intimations of spiritual truth given in Nature and Human Nature.

—The Grand Trunk Railway is going to lay double tracks between Toronto and Hamilton.

Information from southern and central Illinois indicates more or less damage to the wheat crop by freezing within the past ten days.

Industrial and Commercial.

—Small lobsters that usually retail for ten cents each in Boston, now bring from fifty to seventy five cents.

—Plan has been established at Windsor for the manufacture of the y-graph an improved typesetting machine.

—The Canadian Pacific Railway expects to obtain from the government free running powers over the I. C. R. from St. John to Halifax.

—Now it is reported that an English syndicate has an option on all the British Columbia salmon canneries but three. The transaction in value \$1,000,000.

—The chamber of commerce at Halifax, on Wednesday passed a resolution on just any increase in the flour duties and favoring the removal of duties on American corn.

—Lack of work is felt so keenly by the working classes of I. A. that the government is enjoining upon property owners to develop some employment for the unemployed.

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Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, March 12.—In reply to an enquiry Sir John Macdonald said the freight rate on coal from Stellarton to London for use of the Steel Company is thirty cents per ton. He also said that the rate on steel for the I. C. R. was useless.

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of it for the purposes of the local elections in Nova Scotia because the repeal cry was dead and could no longer be used.

—Mr. Jones of Halifax supported the resolution.

—Hon. C. O. Colby, acting minister of marine and fisheries, showed the difference existing in the nature of the two bounties. He thought the bounty on fish was more useful than the bounty on steel.

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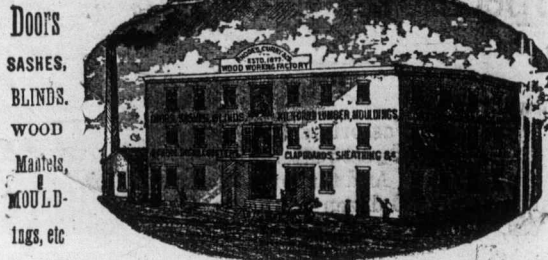
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SQUIRREL.

happy thoughts, what about the chimney?

Those smoky funnels at the Grange were none of your screwed up, belated modern contrivances, but ample, generous air passages running boldly up from basement to roof. Cyril knew all about them. He had personally inspected the interior of one when workmen had been repairing the many cornered stacks above, and had safely worked his way down to Olive's own bedroom. Now if he could only voyage upward from the library, cat like range the tiles, and descend again by the old route, what a capital joke it would be. Quick as thought Cyril stepped on the stout beam of the grate and cautiously inserted head and shoulders up the inkly entrance. Hurrah! He could see a bit of blue sky high up aloft. Nibble he his namesake began the ascent. A brick jutted conveniently here and there lent friendly help. He had to grope along with closed eyes, for bits of mortar and little nests of disturbed soot kept peeping about him. Careful and crab like he hauled himself safely up till high the level of the library ceiling. Then he nearly came to grief.

He seemed to have got beautiful foothold on a brick of two, when he suddenly slipped. Down went one leg, but not down the chimney, down the other side somehow. Presumably his descent was difficult. Squirrel rubbed his dusty eyes with his grumpy hand and peered about him.

Only faint murky light struggled to his aid, but he could discern something remarkably odd. An opening there was on the left side of the chimney, not more than two feet square, and the cavity beyond must be of some kind for as the lad inquisitively peered his leg about, it came in contact with no other wall. Whatever could this place be? A bricked up cupboard perhaps; a hiding hole for cavaliers, priests, Jacobites, what not?

Cyril's spirit of adventure rose within him. In for a penny, in for a pound. He'd through that hole and possibly ferret out the secrets of centuries. So though he went, feet foremost this time, and easily enough, for what felt like brick steps assisted his descent into a space which by faintest light and much peering around, he discovered to be a small chamber matching in size Aunt Pleasant's sanctum the other side of the fireplace.

Here was an exciting find! How pleased old auntie would have been to know it. How Olive would have liked it if they had been stopping at the Grange. As for that surly Mr. Westbrook, though he should never hear of this romantic den. Cyril only wished it might be full of ghosts that would come out and scare him if ever he lived at the place. But ghosts in it were neither tangible nor visible now. After ever so long of stealthily creeping and feeling throughout its length and breadth, Cyril could find nothing but knotted web-works and a few faded bits of paper.

At that point of investigation the boy was startled by sounds that appeared strangely close, being, in fact, as he soon remembered, in the adjacent library. Some one spoke. It was that nice fellow Foster, and his words were:

"Now, Cyril, my lad, if you'll just say to Mr. Westbrook—why, how's this? I can't see him. Cyril! Where's he vanished to?"

"Jumped out of the window, I'll warrant," rasped forth another voice (the enemy's). "Expected a thrashing if he did not eat humble pie, and, by George, he should have it, too, if I'll say any word."

(Cyril tingled with wrath to the tips of his toes.)

"I don't see how he could jump out here without having blasted," was the anxious answer back from the window way. "I do hope the boy is safe. His sister?"

"There, there," snarled the other gentleman. "Trouble your own self to make a fuss over the young scamp!" (Cyril clenched his dirty little fist and almost wished he had not started at this chimney expedient.) "The man about the ground must look out for his own rat, and to a him so, but another rate him soundly when we catch him. Now I'm going to look over, h'm—h'm—my farms. I wish you good day, Mr. Foster. If you will just tell me to be here by 10 to-morrow we'll meet in this room and can begin to wind up matters."

"Then, Miss Ferrers?"

"Appears," with a grunt, "to desire perfect independence, sir. She can have it if she chooses. So much the better for my pocket. She gives her final decision in the morning. Good afternoon."

A heavy step left the library, crossed the hall and slammed the front door. Every sound echoed in Cyril's drum like regret.

John Foster seemed to be staying behind. Cyril heard him give a slight that was half a groan. He was a regular good chap. The boy had half a mind to creep on his hands and knees, and knock at the panel, and then, if he could, to tell him so, but another chance closed him. It was Olive this time.

"Oh, Mr. Foster," she began, "did Cyril—where is he? Has he? Has Mr. Westbrook let him out?"

"No, he let him out, I fancy, by the window," was the response. "I'll hunt him up before I leave. We shall find him all right. But, Miss Ferrers, can you? Will you look or me just as your own business, as her father's?"

Will you tell me what Mr. Westbrook has offered? I fear of what every one expected you and your brother and sister would have?

Cyril strained his ears. Olive appeared to hesitate, then broke out passionately: "What he has offered! A pittance, Mr. Foster, that might, I suppose, just keep us from starving, but which I would verily begin to starve before I would accept on his terms! I am to move to Cyril's place, and then, perhaps, I think, he will get him an office boy to make place with one of his partners at Bristol. And to Helen and me he offers fifty pounds a year, each, with Cyril's wages to live on in lodgings, with Cyril's wages to help! Mr. Foster, beggars must not be choosers, but I think I would rather die than touch a penny from Mr. Westbrook."

"But, my dear—dear Miss Ferrers, what is to be done? Whom else, what else have you to turn to?"

"No one, nothing, or next to nothing. But Mr. Foster, Cyril has something; nearly two hundred pounds, I think, to go down to him. Now surely I can send him to some school with that, and I know when he's a little older he will work like a man to help me and Helen."

"(Won't I too?" murmured the sooty one.) "As for me, I will find some school where they will let me teach and"

Helen can live there for my pay. It's only for her sake I feel it—hard."

Mr. Foster seemed to walk up and down in agitation, then shut the library door and left Cyril staring after him.

"Miss Ferrers, your plan, your determination are worthy of you. But one thing fails you. Your brother's money cannot, I know, be touched till he is of age."

"Then—oh what shall we do?"

"This let me advance a couple of hundred, lend it, give it to you. Oh, what a Trojan," said he softly. "If I do nothing to help you, I shall be rich and prosperous. I have seen you so often, and so much, I could not help loving you than I could help, living! I don't know about family, and ancestors, and so forth; I only know my father's name has been an honored one for fifty years, and, please God, I'll do nothing to sully it, and if you'll share it with me, my brother and your sister shall be mine, and you shall never know a care that I can shield you from! What, will you say?"

Cyril could hear Olive sobbing. He very nearly committed himself by an audible accompaniment. (John Foster, you're a Trojan," said he softly. "If I do nothing to help you, I shall be rich and prosperous. I have seen you so often, and so much, I could not help loving you than I could help, living! I don't know about family, and ancestors, and so forth; I only know my father's name has been an honored one for fifty years, and, please God, I'll do nothing to sully it, and if you'll share it with me, my brother and your sister shall be mine, and you shall never know a care that I can shield you from! What, will you say?"

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"Then let me be hanged to 'em," cried the new landlord. "I daresay you and they find it pleasant to work the property between you. You take me, I'll take you, style of thing, eh? But I'm neither a fool nor a woman. I shall put the screw on where I choose; you can be my man if you like, Mr. Foster; but there are other lawyers in Crowchester, I suppose."

"There are, sir, and you'd better select one," said the man quietly. "My father and grandfather before me, I have used this property to the satisfaction of that gentleman—indicating the blue coat squires left of the fireplace—and of his daughter for three-quarters of a century, but for myself I now beg to resign the office of your solicitor."

"Well done," cried Mr. Westbrook, sharply. "I don't know which of you young ladies remarked 'Well done,' to this high falutin' speech, but allow me to say, while you are eating the bread of charity under my roof, I consider the words an impertinence."

"I never said 'Well done,' exclaimed Olive, turning scarlet.

"Nor I," said Helen timidly.

"If I'd time to waste on the matter," said Mr. Westbrook, incredulously. "I should insist on your withdrawing the words; but I've not. I merely beg to inform you now that the fifty pounds a year I offered to you is not to be looked upon in the light of a pension. It is purely a matter of charity, which I continue or suspend as circumstances direct. I must request that you be ready to leave the Grange on Saturday next. As for Olive, her brother, I'll do nothing to sully it, and if you'll share it with me, my brother and your sister shall be mine, and you shall never know a care that I can shield you from! What, will you say?"

"What the devil is that?" cried the gentleman, starting up, and Toots, who had got in the servants' went out, and been uneasily smelling about in all directions, now bolted with yelps of joy towards the fire-side bookcase.

"I was squirrel speaking," cried Helen.

"But he's not here," exclaimed Olive.

"Yes, he is," returned the semi-hostile tone, quite cheerfully, and the long piece of oak paneling on which hung old Geoffrey Westbrook's portrait, swung slowly forward, disclosing the most smirched countenance of Master Cyril, holding in his arms a black tin case, marked with Miss Pleasant Westbrook's name in white letters.

"It's her will," he cried exultingly. "I'll have it!"

"Ah, you don't care for me! You think me presumptuous!"

"Presumptuous! Mr. Foster, Aunt Pleasant always said you were far too good to be a lawyer."

"And you, yourself?"

"I liked—your always."

"Thought as much," chuckled Squirrel. "She always colored up when that you came."

"But, rapturously, 'can you ever love me?'"

"I think—I can."

"Olive, my dear, you must never feel you took me, took us, out of pity. You must be very certain of your own mind before you tie yourself to us penniless people."

"I can never be more certain than now, my Olive."

"Ah! but you shall have time to think about it. If only you will send it somewhere, that much I will freely take of you. You shall pay yourself by and by. But for one year I mean to work for Helen as I have done. Then, if you wish, we'll move from that part of her project she is so fond of. So, with satisfaction I caught in his heart to tide him over even a twelvemonth's waiting, the young man parted from his new gained love.

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The Prince's "Baked" "After."

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