

Which Way?

Children, stop your play, And tell me which way I shall take to reach the hill...

The Tile-Room at Deadwood.

For twenty years the old mansion at Deadwood, with its gables, mullioned doorways and embayed windows, had stood unoccupied...

Probably no one about here knows their worth. But, as I say, I left the tile parlor unchanged, even from the cobwebs...

thing like you; but they said the house was haunted, and a room where a suicide had been committed is an ugly neighbor to a lady's boudoir!

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD

Orchard and Garden Notes. ASPARAGUS.—Rake off the litter from the beds and carefully fork in the fine manure...

Chinese Poetry.

Chinese poetry is the subject of an interesting article in Maomillan's Magazine. Few persons appreciate the genuine poetry to which the Chinese are given birth...

What to Do in Cases of Diphtheria.

The following is from the circular of the Massachusetts State Board of Health. In the first place, as diphtheria is a contagious disease, and under certain circumstances not entirely known...

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To CLEAN BRASS.—Immerse or wash several times in sour milk or whey, this will brighten it without scouring...

Can Oysters Whistle?

This little oyster story is from Thornburgh's "New and Old London." The shop was first established by a Mr. Peckars in 1825...

Married in a Wagon.

As our worthy Doris pastmaster, who is not only postmaster, but is clothed with justice' authority to solemnize marriages, was meandering his way on horseback...

TIMELY TOPICS.

There are in France 82,873 lunatics, of whom 39,887 are at the charge of their families, and 42,986 supported by the State. The proportion is about two per 1,000 of the population.

WEST INDIAN SUPERSTITIONS.

As regards animals, Guinea-pigs may be mentioned as specially unlucky, at least in St. Croix. There are families there, among those from whom one would not expect such things, whose children would on no account be allowed to keep such pretty little pets...

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Striking objects.—Clocks. News of the weak.—Hospital reports. Murder, like the knees of a boy's pants, will out.

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FREDERICTON, MARCH 13, 1879.

**A Sad Mess.**

If it were possible to add anything to the rout and confusion of the Opposition since Secretary Wedderburn caused Blair's petard to explode under his own feet, it was added in the House on Tuesday evening. Not content with feeling that he had been the dupe of "little floating newspaper paragraphs," of corner chit chat and office *tete a tete* Mr. Blair again brought forward his resolution, attacking a chimera and implying a want of confidence in the Government, not for aught wrong under the wide heavens that the Government had done, but for what it might possibly do. To this resolution and the illogical, but impetuous appeal to sentiment and prejudice by the same gentleman Mr. Wedderburn replied in a speech which for sarcasm, irony and overwhelming argument, we have never heard excelled. And sure it must have done everyone in the House good when the Hon. gentleman swept down on those renegades whose very connection with the Opposition is its destruction. We refer first in order to Gillespie who seconded a motion which condemned a measure for which the said honorable booby had voted when he before contributed his outlandish dulness to the Legislature. He, we mean this Northumberland member, writhed under Wedderburn's lash as a cur does under a strip of cowhide, knowing in his canine way that he has done some great wrong. Pity for you Blair to be supported by men like these! —were you gifted with the oratory of Demosthenes, were your cause founded on the quintessence of justice itself with a Gillespie, a Willis and the other few at your back we could not support you. But even as the scabby sheep whose poisonous touch imparts a reproach to the whole flock must herd away to themselves, so too must some place be found for those politicians we have named.

And Willis, too, gave countenance to Blair's motion! No wonder, when the list revealed that Willis, too had voted for the measure which he now censures the secretary would cry "Angels and ministers of grace defend us!" We should in Mr. Wedderburn's place have taken a different attitude towards this nonentity. We should not have wasted a Shakespearean line by knocking him down with it, but we should have pointed our finger at him and to the house and galleries said "Behold that! there's a spectacle!"

With Butler, whose name appeared on that roll, we shall not waste paper, ink or time, but shall pause to look at Covert. John, too, was one of those who years ago voted for the measure that his usurping leader now condemns. Was it any wonder the Secretary should here cry out:—"Another Daniel come to judgment!" But let us with all our feelings and opinions be honest. John Covert we do not think would lend himself to such a course, but he is forced to follow. Covert is "a plain blunt man," honest and practical, and now for the first time in many years, must play an ignominious role—second string.

The Opposition is gone; every step has been a *faux pas*; every speech has been a sensational one. There is only three men in the crowd whose names are worth writing: Blair, Covert, Willis. Blair is an able, intelligent man, but as a leader is a bungler; Covert is as he ever was; Willis, if he can't do anything else, can talk. Against these and the few of the rag tag who follow them put Fraser, Wedderburn, Hanington, Landry, Adams, Sayre, Davidson, McManus, Lynnott, Ritchie, Hill, Crawford, Morton, Marshall, Black, Thompson, Colter, Beverege, Elder —he is all right—Woods, Theriault, Lewis, Turner, Leighton, Kenny, Barbarie, &c. Also the poor Opposition!

**Education.**  
There is, perhaps, no department in the public service that requires a more thorough and permanent basis, financially, than that of education. Constituted as ours now is, we have no direct knowledge of its workings and operations, unless what we get through an indirect irresponsible source.

If our Crown Land department, our Board of Works department require men who shall be immediately and indirectly responsible to the people for their proper management we can't understand why our educational department should not be equally responsible.

We speak of the abstract principle and the necessity of having a Minister of Education who shall be directly and immediately responsible to the people. Only the other day we learned through the Indianapolis *Journal* that the people of Indiana had been fluked of \$750,000, in consequence of a ring which had been formed by the publishers of school books, local school trustees, and a few teachers. Those text books were multiplying rapidly with ourselves not long since. The evil was nipped in the bud else it might have assumed gigantic dimensions.

Let us look at the whole question not only economically but practically. Of what earthly use have those inspectors, under our present system, been? They cost the province a considerable sum annually. Their reports are merely made to order and mean nothing. The local trustees in the different districts perform all the essential and practical duties appertaining thereto. They make the assessment, employ the teacher, and provide for all the wants of the school.

Inspectors are simply required to visit the different schools twice in the year, all of which they can do in a month with ordinary labor. We have had some experience in this matter and know well that this inspection system is a farce and nothing more.

The truth is, our whole educational system wants, first of all, a foundation. We are now plastering, painting and ornamenting all at the same time. A man of genius who desires to develop his imagination, and illustrate his theories, might possibly indulge in such luxuries, and exhibit to the world the immensity of his gigantic brain. The tax-payers cannot appreciate, however, such enjoyment.

It is a very easy matter for a man to sit down and write an order. "Pay to A. B., one thousand dollars, and charge to C. D., Educational Department." Such is, in a condensed form, our present system. The money must be paid. The Province is responsible, and the poor man as well as the rich must bleed to raise it.

Another argument in this regard is, that the fiscal year in the educational department terminates on the 30th April, and consequently, a whole year almost transpires before we have any official report regarding its operations, and then only second handed.

If those to whom the people have delegated their power, for the time being, have a right to tax the people, the people have a relative right to know how these taxes have been disposed of. We are, therefore, constrained to say, irrespective of all parties and individuals, that a minister of education, under our present school law, is an indispensable necessity.

**Dies Irae.**

Lord Campbell's head, with due respect to his knight hood, must be very thick. The day is not far distant now, when that rather stupid intolerant will stand up in the house and enquire of Beaconsfield whether or not Lord Lorne has indicated in his speech the carrying out of a protection policy in Canada. Should the rumor to this effect which has reached old Campbell's ears prove correct, then will come that mighty blow which will under for ever the tie that binds the colonies to the mother land. This will be for the colonies the *dies irae*. Of course Beaconsfield will not be much troubled by this empire-shaking question, but with characteristic coolness, he will likely tell this obtuse old Scotchman that the question of free trade or protection is one with which Lord Lorne and his government, by the terms of the constitution, have full power to deal. His famous resolu-

tion will be like a distant clap of thunder whose only damage is its noise.

This old man Campbell, is one of those men who read history either to forget or to misunderstand it. There was a time when England led by hasty statesmen pursued a policy similar to that which this old man now would formulate: and that policy it was that divided from the mother land that which is now the mightiest Republic that ever the world has seen. It is true Canada would not be easily incited to rebellion now, even by tyrannical imperial policy; but it is also well to remember that freedom in this new world is not now a plant but a mighty tree, firm-rooted, powerful; that we have not forgotten the old rusty fetters that once bound us, and that burst once may again be severed. We need not fear, however; the struggle is all in poor old Campbell's head.

**The Last Waterspot Explodes**

The motion was put at the conclusion of a thundering philippic by Mr. Blair, with the following results:

For Blair's resolution.	Against.
Hutchison,	Fraser,
Covert,	Wedderburn,
Willis,	Landry,
Gillespie,	Adams,
White,	Crawford,
Blair,	Perley,
Butler,	Hanington,
Thompson,	Marshall,
Dr. Vail,	Theriault,
	Ryan,
	Johnson,
	Turner,
	McManus,
	Morton,
	Black,
	Ritchie,
	Lynnott,
	Beveridge,
	Hill,
	Killam,
	Colter,
	Dr. Lewis,
	Elder,
	McLellan,
	Davidson,
	Sayre,
	Barbarie,
	Kenny,
	Wood,
	Leighton,
Total,	9.

O ye gods what a trashing on a want of confidence vote. Poor Opposition! Welcome back again into the fold, Mr. Elder!

Mr. Blair the other day suggested that all Government Bills be printed. The suggestion was an excellent one, but it did not go far enough: every important or lengthy Bill should be printed for the convenience of Members. It often happens that a bill of important bearings is huddled through the House and three-fourths of the Members are entirely ignorant of its contents. A committee for other duties could take this matter in hand, deciding what Bills ought to be printed.

We entirely agree with Hon. gentlemen in the House that we have reached a pitiable era in civilization, indeed if hon. gentle men shelter themselves behind their privilege to vilify and cast reproach on the character of those they assail. A man of fine parts will never stretch his privilege or step to the limit of his prerogative; but it is unfortunate that "at bar and senate" but too many degrade a privilege which men of their ways should never enjoy.

**The Opposition.**

The bottom has thus far fallen out of every Opposition measure introduced into the house. The warm friends and rabid supporters of Mr. Blair through York, are sorely disappointed. We are among the number who once thought that he was a Titan dressed out in ordinary broad-cloth, but that now think him, as a leader, a failure.

The Prince Edward Island Government has been defeated on a want of confidence vote and will resign on Friday evening. Mr. W. W. Sullivan is the new Attorney General. They were a corrupt lot, and the unfairness of their "construction" has proved a petard under them instead of being as was expected their tower of strength.

It is predicted, and quite reasonable is it, that out of the recent defeat of the English will spring the first germ of a stable British Empire in the South of Africa. England will ere she stops crush out every germ of rebellion and establish a South African Company as she did that of East India. It appears it is only through war nations can make respectable additions to their territory.

Mr. BLAIR stated in the House yesterday that his resolution with respect

to the Grand Southern Railway was not intended as a motion of "want of confidence." *Honest Injun* —Sun  
He is honest, dear Sun; but the Government will compel him to make it such. Deal lightly with our York leader brother, for "to err is human."

Mr. MARSHALL'S Bill to incorporate the City and County of St. John into one, seems to be a very desirable measure. There are to be 21 Aldermen in all. The Mayor's salary is to be \$1,000, that of each Alderman \$200.

Mr. TILLEY has brought down the financial estimates for 1879-80.

**New Advertisements.**

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10 B BLS Herring,  
5 Half Bbls. Shad,  
50 Smoked Fish and Shoulders,  
5 Quinias Codfish,  
700 Lbs. Cheese.  
For sale low by  
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March 13

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FROM the first of May next, the Cottage owned by the subscriber, situated on Charlotte Street, adjoining the residence of Mr. Alex. Mitchell, and now occupied by Mr. Christopher Champney. Apply to  
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GUY, BEVAU & Co.  
F'ton, March 4. 1879.—1f.

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TO LET from the first day of May next, part of the subscribers dwelling house, fronting on Regent Street, at present occupied by Mr. J. S. Nicholson. The dwelling throughout is finished in first class style. It is heated by a wood furnace, and contains eight rooms, kitchen, pantry, and three closets, also a CLOSET PROOF CELLAR. Good well of water, and out buildings attached.  
JAMES PEPPERS.  
F'ton, Feb. 25th. 2w

**TO RENT.**  
THE subscriber will let to the first of May next his house corner of Church and George Streets, furnished or unfurnished. Possession given immediately if required. Enquire of the subscriber from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. or to C. H. Lograin.  
J. L. BEVERLY.  
F'ton, Dec. 12

**TO LET.**  
THREE STORES now being finished in the subscribers Building. Possession given on or before the first day of May next.  
OWEN SHARKEY.  
Fredericton, Feb. 4—1f

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A HOUSE owned by the subscriber situate on St. John Street, suitable for a small family. There is a good well of water on the premises; also a garden attached. Possession given immediately if required. The house and premises can be seen at any time.  
Mrs. JOHN McCLOSKEY.  
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THAT hand-some and commodious new house on the corner Kings and York Streets, now occupied by Mrs. Piddard. Suitable for Boarding House. Possession given 1st May. Apply to  
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"Down, Down they go" in  
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WE CANNOT PARTICULARIZE  
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\$70,000 Worth Carpets,  
Cloths,  
Silks,  
Woollens,  
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Cottons, &c.  
Must be cleared out  
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Caps, Hosiery, Mitts,  
Drawers, Ladies' and  
Gents' Kid Mitts and  
Gloves. Also,  
Hemp Carpets,  
Floor Oil Cloths, Trunks, Valises,  
and almost every description of goods  
generally found in a Dry Goods or  
Clothing Store, all of which portion of  
which will be sold at prices to suit the  
times.  
OWEN SHARKEY.  
Jan. 28, 1879.—3 mos.

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**FELT HATS!**  
Latest New York Styles, Colors  
**DRAW, BLACK,**  
**BROWN and BLUE**  
P. McPEAKE.  
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**TRUSTEES NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE T. SCULLY and CHARLES E. COLLINS, of Fredericton, lately carrying on business as Merchant Tailors, under the name, style and firm of SCULLY & COLLINS, have this day made an assignment in trust to me, for the benefit of their creditors.  
The Trust Deed now lies at the office of the Solicitors, Messrs. RAINSFORD & BLACK, for signature, where creditors are requested to call and sign the same without delay.  
All persons indebted to the firm of SCULLY & COLLINS, will please make immediate payment to me at the store lately occupied by them.  
Dated this 8th day of February, 1879.

**RAINSFORD & BLACK,**  
Solicitors,  
A. A. MILLER,  
Trustee.  
Feb. 18, 1879.—1f.

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ALL WOOL,  
Selling at 50 cents per yard.  
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100 Bbls. White Turnips;  
50 Bbls. No. 1 Apples;  
10 Bbls. Choice 3 classes;  
3 " No. 1 Scotch Sugar;  
10 Barrels Ex. C. Sugar;  
10 " Granulate Sugar;  
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For sale at  
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F'ton, Nov. 29.—3mos.

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For sale low by  
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TENDERS will be received by this De-  
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March next, for the construction, convey-  
ance, and placing in position of a Boiler for  
the Fog Alarm at Cape Enrage, in the Bay  
of Fundy, in the Province of New Brun-  
swick.  
Specifications can be seen, and Forms of  
Tender procured by intending contractors, at  
the Agency of this Department at St. John,  
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Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned  
and marked on the outside "Tenders for Cape  
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WM. SMITH,  
Deputy Minister of Marine, &c.  
Department of Marine, &c.  
Ottawa, Feb. 1, 1879. }  
Feb 20

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On and after MONDAY, the 3rd February,  
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They will leave Halifax on MONDAYS,  
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His stock consists of Groceries, Provisions,  
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Also always on hand Geese, Turkey,  
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