

Maritime Farmer.

Fredericton, N. B., August 1, 1888

A Petition Dismissed.

The Supreme Court yesterday delivered judgment in the election petition against Mr. Geo. F. Baird, M. P. for Queens, dismissing the petition, and leaving Mr. Baird in the enjoyment of his seat. The Chief Justice dissented from the judgment, and Judge King took no part.

It will be remembered that the defence set up was, that Mr. Baird was not served with the papers, the officer to whom that duty was assigned, having by mistake left them with Mr. Baird's brother. The court apparently was satisfied with the affidavits in Mr. Baird's behalf, although great efforts were made to disprove them, and have dismissed the petition.

Mr. Baird is to be congratulated on the result. While the FARMER had little sympathy with the mode in which Mr. Baird first got his seat in Parliament, it believed he acted the main part in resigning and contesting the election anew. On the second occasion, he was, we believe, fairly elected, but the venom of Mr. King and the Grit party urged them to follow Mr. Baird into the courts, with a result that must be painfully disappointing to them.

The petitioner's counsel was Mr. G. F. Gregory, who also engaged the petition against Mr. Temple, until it was dismissed, and Mr. L. A. Curry appeared for Mr. Baird.

The Colchester Election.

The happenings of the past week have put an entirely new face on the Dominion election pending in Colchester. Mr. Morrison the first Grit candidate selected, conceding no doubt that discretion is the better part of valor, threw up the sponge, declining to be slaughtered to satisfy the Grit party's desire for a fight, under any circumstances. But Mr. Morrison's wisdom was no guide to his party, so they called a second convention and nominated Mr. Cyrus Eaton, a hardware merchant with plenty of money and a good record as Mayor of Truro. Mr. Eaton was at one time a leading Conservative, but is the kind of a candidate the Grits prefer.

In the meantime the third party have met and nominated a Mr. Fenton as the straight Prohibition candidate, but we venture the assertion that Mr. Fenton, who is a Grit, will not go to the polls, that there will be a straight party contest between Sir Adams Archibald and Mr. Eaton, and that the former will be returned by a very respectable majority. Colchester has an unbroken record of Conservative victories since Confederation, and there is nothing in the Commercial Union or the Prohibition agitation just now, that will turn the election from their past record.

The Indian Trouble.

At Ottawa Friday, the Minister of Militia was shown a New York paper in which appeared a sensational despatch from Ottawa alleging that great anxiety was felt at the capital as to the fate of "C" battery, sent to the Skeena, and that the Militia Department had blundered terribly in sending the men by the route they had undertaken. The Minister denied that the least anxiety was felt at Ottawa in regard to "C" battery, and regretted that so much sensational news should be made out of the fact that a party of men had gone to arrest a few Indians. He had nothing to do with the selling out of the men or the transport, which rested entirely with the local authorities.

Another despatch from the capital says: "Sir A. P. Caron gave a flat denial this afternoon to the statement published by the Victoria Times that he had instructed Col. Holmes, D. A. G. of British Columbia, to order out 'C' battery for service on the Skeena. The battery, the Minister said, had gone on service upon the requisition of the Provincial Government, and he had no authority to order it out. While the settlement of the emente rests solely with the Provincial authorities, it may be stated that evidence is to hand from all quarters indicative of the willingness on the part of the British Columbia to do duty if called upon. Col. Maunsell, Commandant of 'A' School of Infantry, Fredericton, N. B., telegraphs the Militia Department stating that his company is ready at any moment for active service in British Columbia should it be required, and he also volunteers the services of the Provincial Battalion of New Brunswick."

The New Ministers.

The vacancies in the Dominion Cabinet have been filled by the appointment of [Hon. Edgar Dewdney, to succeed Hon. Thomas White, as Minister of the Interior, and of Mr. John Haggart as Postmaster General. Mr. Dewdney has been a member of the British Columbia Assembly, has been in the Commons for the same Province, served as Indian Commissioner, and for the past term as Governor of the Northwest Territories. With his knowledge of the west and its people, he ought to successfully administer the Interior department, but if rich in experience, he is much behind his predecessor in ability. Of Mr. Haggart we know little, except that he has represented almost continuously since Confederation, an influential Ontario constituency, and is regarded as a man of ability, with wide departmental experience, will doubtless get along all right in the Postmaster-Generalship.

Since the commencement of the last session the Cabinet has lost Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Thomas White, and Hon. A. W. McLean; it has gained Hon. C. H. Tupper, Hon. Edgar Dewdney and Hon. John Haggart.

Sir Adams Archibald, the Conservative candidate in Colchester, has been a life long temperance man, was formerly a son of Temperance, and voted for Prohibition in the N. S. Legislature 35 years ago. He once there fore got a fair share of the temperance votes.

On his Mettle.

Lord Salisbury, the English Premier, is generally regarded as a mild mannered statesman, conciliatory to opponents, and polite and affable to all, but when aroused he can skin an adversary as readily as that process can be performed by Lord Randolph Churchill. At instance of this occurred the other day in the House of Lords, when in referring to Mr. Gladstone, Lord Salisbury observed that the Liberals seemed unable to speak where there was somebody to answer them; but outside this House there is no hole or corner in which you do not find the leader of the Opposition making a speech. He gets behind Mr. Bigger and Mr. Tanner at a picnic, in order to make a speech, or he is invited to a cheerful dinner given by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and in the presence of eight or ten guests, himself at one end of the table and a reporter at the other, he makes a speech, not only impugning the motives and attacking the characters of his opponents, but a speech replete with most unfounded statements, replete with most diabolical lies, full of attacks upon the judicial officers of the Crown, and reaching to that pitch of indecency, that he did not shrink from commenting upon the evidence now being given in a case before a court of law.

The Progress of Canada.

This is the subject of a lengthy editorial published in the London G. B. Standard a few days ago, and is worthy of reproduction.

"The progress of the few Englishmen, says our contemporary, who do not echo the congratulatory words of the Marquis of Lansdowne and Lord Kintore at the Canadian banquet last night. Canada is, for once the eldest and the youngest daughter of the Empire, the head of which Great Britain is the head. English navigators were busily exploring the bleak coasts of Labrador and the shores of the St. Lawrence, and the first Englishmen who came to the continent of North America were busy exploring the country so long that it may be considered native to the soil. In Ontario and Quebec there are many thousands of villagers who passed the time of their childhood in the forests of the old world, and back through more than two centuries of the French-Canadian habit of the St. Lawrence basin have all the characteristics of an ancient and long settled population—old buildings, old laws and customs, religious systems which have suffered no change for centuries, and it may be added, a glorious history and a long roll of heroes. But if the Canada of the Provinces is old, the Canada of the Northwest is young, for it is only the twenty-first birthday of this youthful state that was celebrated yesterday. In 1867, when the British North America Act was passed, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia were isolated states, teeming with future possibilities, it is true, but actually small, and, to all appearance, powerless. Now they are a nation, with enormous resources, a vast commerce, a well organized military establishment, a splendid system of railway communication, and every quality except population, which is required for a great and powerful State. Canadian enterprise and ambition have risen by leaps and bounds since the opening up of the magnificent territories in the Northwest. When Parliament almost contemptuously dismissed the whole of British North America into the lap of the new Dominion, it scarcely realized the magnitude of its gift. It was supposed that the land beyond the lakes and the forty-ninth parallel was for the most part a desolate Arctic wilderness, which would be useful only to the trapper and the hunter. It is only within the last few years that the true value of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the adjacent territories has been ascertained, and the discovery has changed the history of Canada. Along the fertile shores of the Red River, the Assiniboine and the Saskatchewan, the Dominion has which lies between Lake Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains, there is room for an immense population. For many years to come Canada need not receive the influx from a foreign world, or even from the more thickly settled parts of the new. Her energies are no longer limited to the sea and the forests. She still retains her supremacy in the fisheries and the lumber trade, and she has added many other industries. The Canadian Pacific railway has opened up a wheat field of millions of acres in extent, and at a bound the Dominion has become one of the granaries of the world. The elements spread steadily westward, the agricultural area increases. The ranching regions which lie to the north and west of the wheat belt have been hardly touched, but everything tends to show that the great plains may in time come to rival Texas in cattle, and perhaps even Queensland. Nor are the resources of the West limited to agriculture and pasture. Gold and almost every other metal are found in British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and, best of all, an inexhaustible store of coal. But the greatest of Canada's advantages is that of position. The Dominion is astride the civilized world. Its territories lie on the very track of one of the great lines of commerce of the future. On one side it commands the Pacific, on the other the Atlantic. It holds out one hand to the civilized West, and the other to the awakening East. The short way from China to Europe lies through Canadian territory, and, thanks to Canadian enterprise, it is now possible to travel from England to Australia without once leaving the shelter of the British flag."

First Class English Fire Insurance Companies.

The North British and Mercantile, of Edinburgh, Liverpool & London & Globe of London, Royal of Liverpool, Phoenix of London, Commercial Union of London, and National of Dublin, are represented here by Morrison & Fessenden.

The rates are as low as any, and some special advantages are given to the best class of business. Farmers and others having detached buildings, can insure for years at very low rates. Over \$300,000 paid for losses. York County in 1886. Office Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B., opposite the Post Office, next door below Telegraph Office.

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THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

Sailing of "O" Battery and the Constables for the Scene of the Difficulty.

The sailing of the expedition, consisting of "O" Battery and ten provincial constables, which left Vancouver for the Skeena, is thus spoken of by the Victoria Colonist—

The British warship Caroline, and the supplies and ammunition, consisting of 20,000 pounds of the former and 18,000 rounds of the latter, are to be landed by the steamer Bacoowitz. The expedition is under command of Lieut.-Col. Holmes, commander of "O" battery. The non-commissioned officers and men will number eighty in all. The expedition will proceed to the mouth of the Skeena, and will be accompanied by the supplies and the provisions of transport. Cannon, manned by Indians, will be secured at Fort Esquimalt, and the force will be taken up the river as far as the canon, through which it is impossible to present, and would be dangerous in event of hostilities. The men will be taken up the river, and will be accompanied by the supplies and the provisions of transport. Cannon, manned by Indians, will be secured at Fort Esquimalt, and the force will be taken up the river as far as the canon, through which it is impossible to present, and would be dangerous in event of hostilities. 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