

Maritime Farmer.

Fredericton, N. B., June 6, 1888.

The Coming Celebration.

The Firemen of Fredericton are well advanced in their arrangements for a grand celebration here on Dominion Day. They have gone into the thing with a determination to make it a success, and everything indicates a full realization of their hopes. The citizens, the City Council, and all interests in fact, are heartily co-operating, and Fredericton on the 1st and 2nd of July, will probably have as many visitors within her borders as on the day of the memorable celebration five years ago. The subscription list, we understand, is assuming respectable proportions, but there are lots of people yet who ought to contribute. The larger the prizes offered, the greater will be the attraction to the firemen from other towns to come in force, and of course that means a greater number of visitors. A holiday and celebration such as the Firemen propose, will directly or indirectly benefit every class of the people, it means the circulation of a lot of money, and besides an excellent advertisement for our city, which at the time will be looking its prettiest. We say to the citizens, give the Firemen all the assistance you can to make the celebration a success, and when you see the crowd of strangers that will be attracted here, you will be glad you have thrown your mite into the scale. The invitations to the several fire brigades throughout towns of Maine will be issued immediately, and tonight the firemen meet to arrange in detail the programme of sports, so that the posters may be sent out in all directions within the next two or three days.

We learn that an effort will be made by the Railway Bridge Company to open the Bridge on the day of the celebration, and this will be an additional attraction to draw strangers from abroad. With the bill of fare Fredericton will have to offer for Dominion Day, there should be no difficulty in completely packing our city with visitors. There is no celebration talked of for any other town in the Province that day, and with the excursions that can be arranged from every point, our city should be thronged with people.

That Majority of One.

It will be remembered that for many days after the general election of 1887, the Grits from one end of Canada to the other, believed, or pretended to believe that their party had been sustained by a majority of one, and that as soon as Parliament met they would be installed in office and their hungry place seekers gratified by the generous disposal of offices and hoodles. Even in our own community, the hungry hordes of office seekers thronged the telegraph office for confirmation of the good news that the Tories had been defeated, and it is said, had appropriated the local offices among themselves. But gradually the terrible truth dawned upon them that they were still out in the cold, and when Parliament met and the Government was sustained by a splendid vote, the glorious Grit majority of "one" faded, faded, faded, and has not been heard of since in Grit circles. With relentless cruelty, however, the Grit defeat has been recalled by a Toronto writer, who sent to the *Globe* the following letter, which when denied publication there, found the public through the *Empire's* columns:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GLOBE: Sir—You say that your party has had great success in the election of 1887, and in Parliament during the session. Now I remember on the night of the Dominion general election in February, 1887, watching the display of the returns at the Globe office by the aid of the electric light, sometimes the two sides were so close that the Government's majority on all important questions was a matter of one or two votes. Will you kindly explain this mystery to one who spent an hour or two before the Globe office that celebrated night? RUSTON.

The *Empire* says it was not surprised at the *Globe's* refusal to publish this communication, and remarks that "if we were in the *Globe's* place we wouldn't publish it either."

The Postmaster General.

Our amiable friend of the *Telegraph* makes a very unjust attack on Hon. A. W. McLellan, Postmaster General of Canada, and would lead the public to believe that the people of Canada, irrespective of party, will feel no regret at Mr. McLellan's probable retirement from political life. The *Telegraph* is not well informed on the subject. If there is any evidence requiring that the Postmaster General is popular in his own constituency of Colchester, the fact that during a public career of nearly thirty years he has never been defeated in an election ought to be sufficient, and we presume that if the large and intelligent constituency chose to send Mr. McLellan to Parliament, for the next thirty years, it would be principally its own business, and not so much that of our St. John contemporaries. But the *Telegraph* is entirely unfair in its estimate of Mr. McLellan's public services. That honorable gentleman was prominent and respected in Nova Scotia's public affairs when the editor of our contemporary was a barefooted boy in Kings County. That Mr. McLellan is a gentleman of high intellectual attainments, of great political experience, and of undoubted integrity, nobody who knows anything of his long and honorable public career will deny. Colchester at least has taken that view for many years, and it is only fair that the judgment of his constituents should count for something in Mr. McLellan's favor, although we would be very sorry to reckon the *Telegraph's* ability and popularity by the same standard in Kings County.

The Presidential Contest.

There is probably no doubt, whatever, that the Democratic National Convention which opened its session at St. Louis, yesterday, will nominate President Cleveland for a second term. His record at the White House has been clean and popular, not brilliant or dazzling, but one guided by common sense ideas, and a level head. With Cleveland the Democratic nomination, there can be little doubt of his success, especially since Blaine is out of the way, and the Republicans are divided as to their candidate. A dozen names are before the Republicans for nomination in their convention which meets at Chicago in a few days. Graham, Edmunds, Sherman, Allison and Depew are, however, the most prominent, and it will be no surprise if the wealthy New Yorker, Depew, captures the prize. He is immensely popular in New York, where Republican success would mean the party's national triumph, but as the head of a great railway corporation, he would be obnoxious to the working men of the west. Outside of the personal canvas the most important issue of the contest will be the tariff question. The Democrats by the Mills bill, now before Congress, have sought a reduction of taxation, but the Republicans, the Blaine wing at least, will fight it out on the line of straight protection.

The next few months will be an interesting time with our friends across the border, but we venture the prediction, that the result will not disturb Cleveland in his occupation of the White House for the next four years.

The New Governor General.

Lord Stanley, our new Governor General, is expected at Quebec to-day, and will be before Justice Fournier of the Supreme Court of Canada. Lord Stanley was interviewed at Montreal, Ireland, Friday, where the steamer *Sarnia*, on which he sailed, stopped for mails and passengers. Lord Stanley said that he had acquired in his experience in the Colonial office an accurate knowledge of Canada's vast resources. He said that he was greatly impressed with the possibilities of Canada's future. He didn't go, he said, with any preconceived ideas regarding government or policy, and did not wish to force any policy upon the country, which possessed a responsible Government. Lord Stanley expressed his confidence in Canada's Ministry, and believed that they would cordially co-operate with the Governor General. He was arriving, he knew at a time when troublesome questions were likely to arise, but he felt no anxiety on that account.

Lord Stanley is an ardent Imperial Federationist, and for this reason he has been attacked in Canada by Premier Marier of Quebec, but it is not likely the new Governor General will attempt to force his views on the Canadian people on this or any other subject, and moreover, it is most unlikely that any effort of that sort would prove effective. He has grown to be a wonderfully independent people on this side of the water, and long ago have passed the stage of dictation from Colonial Governors.

The *Farmer* acknowledges with thanks, an invitation from President LeFebvre of St. Joseph's College, Memramouc to attend the 23rd annual convocation of that institution, to take place on the evening of June 21st. For the first time in the history of the College the Faculty will confer degrees. The Alumni orations will be delivered by Hon. Senator Poirer and Mr. George V. McLellan, two eloquent graduates of the College and all the exercises no doubt, will be very interesting. St. Joseph's College is doing excellent work, and the *Farmer* is glad to learn that it has enjoyed a greater degree of success during the past year than ever before.

Referring to Sir Charles Tupper's departure from Canada, the *Toronto Telegram*, independently, says: "He has risen to the higher levels of public esteem during his latest sojourn in the States. The bitterness that once earned for the Cumberland Knight the hatred of opponents was absent from all his recent public speeches. Altogether the new a decided improvement upon the old Sir Charles Tupper, and he can carry to England with him the knowledge that after Sir John, Tupper will lead the Conservatives."

Toronto *Empire*: Mr. Foster with his six years of political life has left scores of older Grit politicians in the rear and has gone to the front through sheer ability. No amount of partisan depreciation will avail to lower Mr. Foster's reputation as a parliamentarian. He is the equal of any politician on the Grit side of the House, and they all know it.

The issue of Canadian Pacific bonds in London last week proved a remarkable success. There was a great rush for the prospectus, and by eleven o'clock over \$300,000,000 sterling was subscribed, nearly ten times the amount asked. The bonds were quoted on the market to-day at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 premium.

Hon. Mr. Chaplain will receive a warm welcome if he makes his proposed visit to the Maritime Provinces. As an orator, the Secretary of State, probably stands first in Parliament, and New Brunswickers will be glad to hear his eloquence.

Says the *Telegraph*:—"The Pacific Scandal" which of an administrator, Lord Donalton, Governor of Saskatchewan, the Liberal party a host of accessories in men who were not Liberals by conviction."

Our contemporary was one of those that joined the Liberal party at the time. Are we to understand that it is included among the "accessories who were not Liberal by conviction?"

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Pictou Dominion election on June 20th. There is no opposition to the Tories. The Newfoundland election, to take over the terms of union, is shortly to arrive at St. John's.

Chief Justice Galt of the Ontario Court of Common Pleas, and Dr. Wilson of Toronto University, have been knighted.

Ex-Constable Bureau, one of the trio of the Grand Trunk robbers, was sentenced yesterday to seven years in the penitentiary.

Principal Grant of Queen's University, has been appointed to the position of a two weeks' stay there he will proceed to Australia.

The Canadian steamship *Eureka*, which arrived at New York, Saturday, made the trip from Queenstown in 5 days and 23 hours—the quickest on record.

The National Prohibition convention of the United States nominated Gen. Clinton B. Fisk for president by acclamation, and John A. Brooks of Missouri vice president.

Senator Frye, the fiery man from Maine, denounced in Senate the sending of the Fishery treaty as a cowardly surrender.

The Police men of Toronto, have contracted with the Pacific Railway Co. to build a large steel steam for Lake Superior, which is stated to be the largest vessel afloat on fresh water.

Rev. Canon Biggstock, Rector of Trinity, has been appointed Commissary of the Bishop of Fredericton.

In twenty-two years there have gone to Chicago twenty-five millionaires.

Rev. W. S. Neale was unanimously re-elected Secretary of the Diocese of California at its late convocation in San Francisco.

Thomas Medley, Esq., of the Maritime Bank of St. John, and Mr. McMaster, formerly of Toronto, a nephew of Senator Macdonald, were in Omaha, Neb., short time ago, and were seen by the local press in that neighborhood and do business together.

Fred Osborne, 30 years old, married, and employed in Ridley's mill, Portland, Me., was caught in the shafting Saturday and had his clothing torn from his body.

The marine department have adopted the suggestion recently made by Captain McHenry, in reference to constructing a steamer of the Swedish model to replace the *Northern Light* of the P. E. Island winter service and the *Albatross*.

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