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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., APRIL 7, 1892. (From the (last) Number's Marginal Note) A Queen's Servant in Cargien.

"He's late the night," says the man. "Ay, that is he," declared the woman. John Ennie sits closer to the fire, spreads his great hands move fully over the warm peat "low" and pulls hard at his brown clay pipe.

Eppie, his wife, crouching on a low stool by the other side of the hearth, gathered her rough wincey gown very tightly around her feet, rattles the needles in the middle of a low stocking with renewed vigor, and she too does justice to an old black cut.

"This goes on for a little while, during which no word is spoken; only the click, click of the busy needles is heard, the smack of old lips pulling away at seasoned pipes, the lapping blaze of the peats in the big-bellied chimney, with an occasional "Och! Och!" from John, and a sympathetic "Umph!" from Eppie.

There are two windows in this little kitchen—a six-paned one, looking out on the front garden and the broad toll-road, and a single-paned one, opening like a big eye in the northern gable. These are set, clear to the blast without shutter in the open, or blind window (God bless you! we have nothing to hide in Cargien), and the big raindrops, driven by the wind, play with a wintry music against the glass.

Meanwhile, far away down the toll-road Robbie the "post" is rattling along with the letters from Kail.

Presently a shrill and long protracted whistle is heard; not heeded at first by either of the placid smokers; but as it continues loud and increasing in volume, followed by the fierce bark of a collie-dog, John takes his pipe out of his teeth, says "Och! Och! Och!" and Eppie, ceasing at once to knit and smoke, adds her "Umph! Umph! Umph!"

Then John looks at Eppie, and Eppie gazes at John. "Get up and open the door," is the expression on John's face. "If it shudna be ope'd this hundred year, it'd no be ope'd by me," gleams defiantly through Eppie's spectacles.

"Och! Och!" grunts John dolefully. "Umph! Umph!" rejoins Eppie, beginning to be submissive for once to the authority of her "man," the parish undertaker and postmaster; and then she adds, "I'll be Stantion, I'm thinking."

"Ay! ay! it's Stantion, Gang out, woman!" cries John, in his most valourous tones. "Whew-ew! Whew-ew-ew-ew!" sounds once more through the window and down the chimney.

Then Eppie hobbles up, and hurries to the back door. She opens it just wide enough to show a long honest nose and the glitter of moon-shaped spectacles, and says, "Awel an' it's yerse, sir."

"Ay! ay!" cries the farmer, shaking his wet and shaggy sides. "Has ye ony?" adds he. "Deil a one," rejoins Eppie with some scorn, not free from a touch of malevolence, for she knows (who so well as she!) what brings the farmer of Stantion time after time to the little post-office. "The auld big body's still thinkin' an' thinkin' of that lassie that writes tae im,—God save her frae ane that has a foot an' nair in the cauld yerth!" So she gently shuts the door in his face, and returns to her Umph!

But the farmer whistles more shrilly than ever. Guid preserve us!" roars John Ennie, springing to his feet like a lusty youngster and "hurlin'" to the door without his oaken staff, "as the Lord made it, it's the Blandshire Journal!"

"I ha' brought ye a read' o' the paper, John," says the farmer, disregarding the presence of his female enemy, and passing from under his thick coat a greasy journal, sadly wrinkled and partly torn, but not more than a week old.

"I thank ye, Stantion, an' I thank ye, but will ye no come awa' in?" "What, John, hoise an' all!" cries the farmer.

"Ha! ha! that's a guid joke, that it is," says John, chuckling happily to himself, for a man who has got an unlooked-for read of the Blandshire Journal naturally feels considerable elation of spirit. For, mind you, the paper cost three-pence, and it is only the great ones in Cargien who can afford that price, while even they band themselves together in little coteries to unite their subscriptions for a single weekly copy. Eppie, too, is mollified, for she is a great reader of the news, drawing a line only at the extravagance of her "man" if he were to buy a paper himself.

So Eppie passes out her hand with a gesture of command, and John meekly surrenders the coveted sheet.

"John Ennie," says the farmer, in a hoarse whisper. "Ay," says John, with the same restraint upon his voice. "Is he come?" adds the farmer. "Na," says John. "The Lord be thankit," cries the farmer, "ye'll send the queanie up wi' when Robbie does come, will ye no?"

"Whist!" says John, turning his left eye upon Eppie, now sitting by the hearth, and with the other winking shrewdly at the man on horseback.

Then, without another word, the Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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HOUSES TO LET.—See adv.

TRINITY WANTED.—See adv.

DROWNED.—News of the drowning, at Mable of Mr. John O'Malley, formerly a ship chandler agent at Chatham, has been received here.

BOOK BINDING.—Persons having manuscripts, or other periodicals, to be bound, or to be rebound, or any similar work, can have their orders attended to at the Advance office, where information as to styles, prices, etc., may be obtained.

MEDICAL.—The list of McGill graduates in medicine has been made public. There are fifty-six in all. James Hayes, of New Brunswick, was first honoree. Other graduates are R. F. Glendening, of Nova Scotia, D. Jack, N. McNally, and J. N. Peaks, of Fredericton.

THE GREEN EYED MONSTER appears to be gaining very hard in certain quarters. If we are to judge from the items respecting the "hammer commission," etc. We hope the poor creature will be able to effect the sale it proposes and have his wish of getting out of the blackly blacked hole into which he says he wishes he had never come.

GOOD WIVES.—Mr. Edward Johnson has the famous Sporting pen for sale. It is the best known for bookkeepers and business correspondence, having a fine but easy-running point, just sufficiently flexible for pretty writing, and more durable than any other pen in the market. It is especially designed for schools, because of its clean work.

SINGULAR EVENT.—A frame dwelling on the hillside at McKersport, Pa., was carried from its foundation by a land slide one day last week and deposited on the roof of the Methodist church below. The house took fire from a stove. The flames spread to the church, thence to adjoining buildings on both sides, destroying the church, five houses, six dwellings and a livery stable. Total loss, \$50,000.

ECUMINUM LIGHT.—It is said that Mr. Kenneth McMillan yesterday morning received notice by telegraph from Ottawa of his appointment as keeper of Esquimaux Light etc. Mr. Carter, the former keeper, and his family left Chatham only on Tuesday for the Point, it being understood that no change was to be made. There seems to be a good deal of "ability shuffling" in the management of both Marine and Fishery matters in this country.

GOOD BUSINESS.—The Canada Eastern railway, has, under manager Snowball's supervision, made the best showing this past three months of any of its history. There has been a great amount of traffic on both ends of the road, especially in lumber of different kinds. It has been quite a help to the traffic over the Fredericton branch, which has also had a successful winter.—Fredericton Herald.

SCOTT ACT.—A complaint of Inspector Manning, Henry Murray of Newcastle has been filed \$100 and costs for a second offence under the Canada Temperance Act. It is said that he has appealed to the Supreme Court. Mr. John Jardine of the New Brunswick Herald, has paid \$50 under an information laid by the inspector. Both cases were before Police Magistrate McCleary of Chatham.

"AURORA."—The government station, Aurora, will be sold at Fredericton, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 12 o'clock noon. Aurora is by Daniel Lambert, 102; dam, Nancy Jackson, by Snowball Jackson, son of Williamson's Black Hawk, and is considered one of the best Morgan stallions in existence. He has been used to trot and trot fast. Some of his colts have brought handsome prices, one bred at Canterbury and now in Manitoba has sold at \$1,000. Those seeking good horses should not miss this chance to buy.

DEPUTIES are fashionable. A Charlotte town, P. E. I. dispatch of 29th ult. says:—"In the legislature yesterday Premier Poirer tabled the report of the provincial auditor for the year 1891. While the report is not a very voluminous document, it certainly is a very interesting one. It appears from the tabulated statement of the auditor that the receipts during the year from all sources amounted to \$74,067, and the expenditure was \$24,488, \$31,561 in excess of the estimate. The difference between the revenue and expenditure is \$30,439. If this deficit is added to the balance against the province the previous year, the total indebtedness on the 31st December last foots up \$183,236.

THE MURRAY INTEREST.—In the matter of the estate of Mr. William Murray of Chatham, the appointment of a trustee in the place of Hon. Allan Ritchie, who had resigned, came up before His Honor Judge Tuck this morning. Mr. W. F. Galtin, manager of the Bank of Montreal there, produced the written consent and desire of several parties interested, including Mr. Murray himself, that Mr. F. E. Wislow, manager of the Bank of Montreal there, should be appointed. Mr. R. A. Lawlor appeared for himself and Mr. T. DesBriay, his co-trustee, and opposed the appointment of Mr. Wislow. His Honor said he would call upon applicant's disinterested man, provided one could be found, and Mr. Lawlor proposed several, but as there was either some objection to them or they could not be relied upon to accept the position if appointed, Mr. Wislow was appointed.—St. John Globe.

Congratulations.—The Fredericton Farmer publishes congratulations sent from different parts of the province to Judge Hastings—amongst them being the following from Chatham:—CHATHAM, March 28th. Accept my congratulations on your appointment. ERNEST HUTCHISON, CHATHAM, March 28th. Accept sincere congratulations on your appointment to Supreme Court judgeship. D. W. SMITH, CHATHAM, March 28th. Accept my hearty congratulations on your appointment. R. A. LAWLOR, CHATHAM, March 28th. Accept our heartfelt congratulations. W. C. WISLOW, W. C. WISLOW, CHATHAM.

Downtown Notes.—APRIL 2. Teams are coming out of the woods, having made a good winter's work, as the weather has been all that could be wished for.

The lumbermen are hauling supplies to the woods for another year, as the condition of the roads is more favorable now than it will be in the next month.

Henry and Frank Swin have the contract for building the Donald's Bridge. H. Swin is hauling the large stuff to his mill for sawing into long timber.

Miss Miller, our teacher, has left her school, to be married to Mr. Hamilton. It is expected Miss Fisher will take her place as teacher.

The remains of Allen Dink were placed home from St. John and interred in the Doughton burying ground.

Alexander Allison died and was interred in the Doughton burying ground.

He was a native of Sweden and had made a small farm near Doughton.

Mrs. William Murray, who has been ill about two months is recovering.

Mr. Joseph Duff had a remarkable escape from two constables that were conveying him to jail. They had got to Blackville, and by dint of hard running he got away in a very exhausted condition. Joe is a good runner.

Mr. Samuel Freeze's mill has started up saving pine for ash and door material for shipment to Nova Scotia.

Mr. Watson, a Scotch sportsman, has gone into the Doughton camp, under the guidance of Mr. Underhill.

What is lacking is truth and confidence. If there were absolute truth on the one hand and absolute confidence on the other, it wouldn't be necessary for the makers of Dr. Sagar's Catarrh Remedy to back the plan statement of fact by a \$500 guarantee. They say—"If we can't cure you (make it personal), please of catarrh in the head, in any form or stage, we'll pay you \$500 if you trouble in making the trial." An advertising fake, you say. Funny, isn't it, how some people prefer sickness to health when the remedy is positive and the guarantee absolute. Wise men don't pay money for "fakes." And "faking" doesn't pay.

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The Legislators.—JUDGE HANINGTON.

FREDERICTON, March 20.—The announcement that Hon. D. L. Hanington would deliver his valedictory to the legislature this afternoon attracted a big audience to the assembly. During his address, which was frequently interrupted with applause, Mr. Hanington was listened to with the closest attention. He reviewed briefly the political history of the province for the last quarter of a century, and mentioned the events with which he has been closely related. His part in the politics of the country he never regretted, and he now left the House without the least personal feeling towards any member. He referred to the people of this city in the most flattering terms and tendered them his heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality during the many years he has spent in their midst.

With the exception of Hon. W. E. Peirce he was the senior member of the House. He strongly advised the young men of the country to make their study, for, he said, "if the country is worth living in it is worth helping to govern well." Although he had now been advanced to a higher and more responsible position in the judiciary of the province, he would ever esteem as his highest honor and greatest pride the confidence of the people of the noble country of Westmorland had so continuously trusted him for the last twenty-one years.

Hon. Mr. Blair, in reply, paid a high eulogium upon Hon. Mr. Hanington, both as a member of the assembly and on his great ability as a lawyer.

CONVICT COUNCILS.

MARCH 31.—Dr. Taylor committed a bill which proposed to make it optional with the county council of Kings to decide at the county meeting whether or not the jail should be held, and also to make it optional with the council after next election to decide by law whether or not elections shall be held annually as at present or bi-annually. Dr. Taylor said that when the bill came before the municipalities committee there was a unanimous feeling in having it apply to every county in the province except St. John, where it could not well be applied because some members of the city council were also members of the municipal council, by virtue of the fact that they were aldermen. It was, therefore, proposed to amend the bill in accordance with the feeling of the municipalities committee and make it apply to all counties except St. John.

Hon. Mr. Blair said if there was a general feeling in the bill, he would not have any objection to its principle. He thought, however, that the legislature should determine whether or not elections should be held every year or bi-annually, and not leave it optional with the county councils to decide that matter. If the legislators did not settle that point the result would be that some counties would have elections annually and others bi-annually, and in this way there might be general confusion.

Mr. Russell agreed with the views of Messrs. Blair and Burchill, and Mr. Porter expressed his opinion with leave to sit again.

ST. ANDREW'S CHATHAM.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie committed a bill, Mr. Burchill in the chair, relating to the meetings of the Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chatham.

Agreed to with an amendment.

GLOUCESTER JAIL, ETC.

Hon. Mr. Blair committed a bill to authorize the Gloucester municipality to issue debentures for the erection of jail and court house, and to alter the time of holding the election for county councillors in Gloucester county. Mr. Porter in the chair.

Agreed to the former with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Blair introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of a commission to examine into and report upon the general subject of laws relating to the assessment of rates and taxes throughout the province, and municipal taxation generally.

THE BLIND.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell committed a bill relating to the education of the blind, Mr. Palmer in the chair. Mr. Mitchell explained that the object of the bill was to place the education of the blind in the province on a legal basis. It was proposed that the \$150 a year per pupil for the education and maintenance of those attending the Halifax school for the blind from this province, one half should be paid out of the county school fund and one half out of the provincial treasury. At present there was 13 pupils attending the school from New Brunswick. The bill provided that this provision should apply only to those blind children whose parents were not able to pay for their education and maintenance. Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the government would willingly make the bill apply to all New Brunswick children between the ages of 10 and 21 years, no matter what the circumstances of the parents were.

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