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J. B. SNOWBALL

Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., DECEMBER 16, 1897.

A CONVICT'S YARN. Egyptology in the days when I was at college, before I took to the profession which I followed for many years, was my chief delight, and to the fact that I was a student of the ways of ancient Egypt I owed one of the luckiest Lucis of my life.

It fell out in this way: We had long turned our eyes toward the establishment of Mr. Pontifex, jeweler and valuer, of 2 Moore Lane, city, the contents of whose shop were said to be worth some £20,000.

Mr. Pontifex, in addition to being a jeweler and valuer, was also a bit of an enthusiast on Egyptian relics, and one often saw Egyptian graphs in the paper regarding recent additions made to his Egyptian museum at Norwood.

One day my chum, Dick Herring, lounged into my room smoking a clay and reading a newspaper. "Listen to this, gov'nor. Seems a waste, doesn't it?"

"Fire away," I returned, "and I'll give you my opinion afterward." "I understand that Mr. Christopher Pontifex, the well known jeweler of Moore Lane, E. C., has just ordered a mummy from Messrs. Wood & Sons, the curiosity dealers.

"Ain't that a waste o' mon-ey?" he said angrily, "and all on the mummy of a bloke as died about thousands and thousands of years ago. Still, I shouldn't mind changin' places with that ere mummy, purvidin' o' course, that it was to be laid out in the ground."

"More don't I, gov'nor," returned Dick moodily. He then relapsed into silence, blowing great clouds from his pipe, and the business passed out of my mind. It was recalled to me, however, in a very sudden manner two months later, when, passing down a street near the Strand, I espied close to a pillar box a letter already stamped and addressed to my room, but which had evidently missed the box and fallen to the ground.

"Dear Sir.—The mummy to your recent order has now arrived at Southampton, and we expect it in London to-morrow. Will you kindly say if we can date our note to-morrow afternoon? We understand the mummy is to be deposited first at your premises at London. Awaiting your reply, we are, yours very obediently, WOOD & SONS.

As I read these words a happy thought flashed across my brain, and I resolved to put into execution at once. Going straight to a telegraph office in the city I sent the following message to Wood & Sons: Leaving London for a few days. Retain mummy till further notice.

The message having been duly dispatched, I took my way at once to my lodgings, where I found my man Herring, sitting disconsolately on the sofa. "Buck up, Dick, my lad," I cried. "I think we're in luck at last. Read that letter."

I handed him the note which I had picked up near the pillar box, and he read it carefully. Then he said: "Where's the luck in this, gov'nor?" "What would you say if I told you that I intended to impersonate the mummy which Mr. Pontifex has ordered, and that, moreover, I intended to carry off all that I can lay my hands on during the night following my being delivered into his keeping?"

He smiled incredulously. "How's it to be done, gov'nor? It's a knockout plan of course, but how's it to be done?"

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Miramichi Advance

WEDNESDAY, 12 A.M., DECEMBER 16, 1897

Buy of our Own Store!

Chatham and Newcastle people, perhaps, no less loyal to their own town than those of other places, but nevertheless we think that a good many in both places require to be reminded that they owe a duty to their own merchants which they are too often inclined to forget.

"THE SUN" vs. MIRAMICHI.—It was had enough to have had from the leading liberal papers of the province opposing the unanimous wish of the people of Northumberland and York counties that the Canada Eastern railway, if sold by Mr. Gibson and his associates, would become a part of the I. C. R. system.

The Sun and Transcript.—We observe that the Sun takes up and re-echoes the Transcript's cry for the official head of the editor of the ADVANCE, on the ground that he is an offensive political partisan.

The Sun, of course, doesn't know why the Transcript demands that the Liberal leaders shall desist from fishery commissioner Smith on the alleged ground of offensive political partisanship, but its editor, who possesses many of the characteristics of the editor of the Transcript, has also a mania for taking in any attack on the ADVANCE or its editor, and hence the Sun's barking when the Transcript yelps.

Mr. Mr. Blake and Canada.—A Toronto despatch of last Friday says—Hon. Edward Blake will never return to Canadian public life. He made that announcement definitely at the dinner of the University of Toronto Medical Faculty last night.

of an independent citizen in the affairs of his country; he hoped that that was not a sentimental wish, nor an ambitious expectation. He concluded by expressing the hope that this would prove an annual souvenir for the university.

An Inconsistent Attitude.—(Protestant Herald Dec. 10th.) The Sun affects to believe that there is a good reason for the government of Canada to acquire the Central Railway with its alleged \$10,000 deficit, as to take over the Canada Eastern with its \$44,000 net profit. Our contemporary must give its readers very little credit for astuteness or common sense if it thinks it can

make them to accept any such reasoning. The Sun names a dozen other branch lines connecting with the Intercolonial, none of which bear any comparison with the Canada Eastern, either in their paying qualities or their value as feeders to the government line, and gravely announces also that these roads might be taken over by the government with as good reason as the Canada Eastern. This suggestion does little credit to the judgment or sagacity of any newspaper writer, much less that of one assuming the wisdom of the Sun editor.

up for the manufacture of the forest products. Some of the finest lumber lands of the province lie directly in its course, and must prove of immense value as traffic producers of the future. The through trade, including the shipment of fish from the North Shore, already an item of considerable proportions, will increase as greater facilities for quickly reaching the western market are afforded, and with the Intercolonial running through to Montreal, an increased quantity of merchandise will find its way to Fredericton and intervening points on the Canada Eastern via the government road. Altogether there is no railway of

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The Sun which gave the late Tory government a slashy upper, uttered no word of protest when Sir Charles Tupper, as Minister of Railways, acquired for the

right to vote, whether the list-compilers have neglected or not. Our Towns Incorporation Act embraces this principle.

That "Back Hander."—The World pretends to be a newspaper, yet when the Minister of Railways and Canals visited the town in which it is published, a few days ago, and made an important speech on a subject of more than usual local as well as general interest, it suppressed it, instead of giving it to its readers.

The editor of the World may be even more astute in the future than he has been in the past in writing letters to himself from alleged Liberals and publishing them in his paper, but he will never win other than both Liberal and Conservative

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MIRAMICHI ADVANCE CHRISTMAS 1897. AT CREAGHAN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. AT HICKEY'S Drug Store. W.T. HARRIS, CHATHAM. MERRY CHRISTMAS. R. FLANAGAN'S. MURDOCH. CHRISTMAS GIFTS. W. R. GOULD. ALEX. ROBINSON, Chatham, N. B. C. WARMUNDE.

or that as should best promote the advantage of the predominant political party. Whether that has been done to a great or only to a limited extent I am not prepared to say, but there is an impression abroad that this has to some extent been the case. In my view, I am free to say, that it is a very large undertaking to attempt to divorce the administration of the department wholly from the politics of the country; but to the extent to which the Minister having it in his charge is able to effect the severance of the two, and to conduct the Government Railway upon business principles, to that extent will the efforts of the administration be to the advantage of the country. (Applause.) I have been in the department sufficiently long to realize that it requires all the strength and all the determination that any Minister is capable of exercising, to keep, in a moderate degree, withstood the pressure which is brought to bear upon him from all quarters, and in all ways, to influence the administration of the service. I would not say that the people who come forward with the claim that, owing to the policy or that, owing to the nature of the service, they have political considerations to be taken into account, but I say that the men who are seeking to influence the administration, having their individual and special interests in view, are not at all unskilful in the general interest. Still, as all men are, and a strong feeling that which will benefit them, it is unnatural that they should bring influence to bear, through themselves and their representatives in parliament upon the Minister to promote their own and their local interests. It is therefore, not a trifling undertaking to attempt the divorce of political from business considerations in that connection. You have suggested in this address, however, that I have undertaken that task. I am free to confess that I am hoping to succeed in it to some extent; but if I am to succeed to any appreciable degree, I must be supported on all sides by the men who regard, from patriotic considerations, the question of administration of this great railway as the broader, and more general point of view. (Applause.) I will have to appeal to people on all hands to submit to the judgment of the men who are administering it, looking at it as they must, from the broad standpoint, and to subside their own individual claims and interests, if the Minister at the head of the department is to realize his hopes in this regard. (Applause.)

The World's readers will observe that Mr. Blair's remarks upon the portion of the address which that paper endeavors to twist and misrepresent were those of a statesman, and that the answers expressed were such as every Canadian worthy of the name will endorse. Everybody hereabouts, however, knows exactly what is troubling the World. It is the fact that although it has done its utmost to deceive and mislead the people of the Miramichi in reference to the proposed purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway by the Government, and although, in conjunction with a few other enemies of Mr. Blair and the Intercolonial, its editor gained a seeming advantage in line with the traitorous policy in that regard a few months ago in this town, yet he could not induce even one of his co-workers at the recent Board of Trade Council meeting to even record a resolution moved with the object of preventing that body and the Chatham Town Council from expressing themselves favorable to that railway becoming part of the Intercolonial. The game of the World and those who pretend to be Mr. Blair's friends, and yet were secretly in league with the editor against both him and his government is well understood, and neither their direct nor indirect attacks will have any appreciable effect in accomplishing the results which they desire, and which we all understand quite as well as they do themselves.

Canadian Finances. OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The following is the revenue statement for the five months of the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, as compared with same period in 1896:

	1897	1896
Customs	\$ 2,262,198	\$ 2,007,685
Excise	720,648	715,129
Post office	1,490,000	1,175,000
Public works tax	173,187	174,442
Miscellaneous	603,731	431,100
Total	\$14,051,077	\$14,774,313

Rev. Principal Grant on Prohibition. TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The first of a series of letters from Principal Grant, of Queen's University, on the proposed prohibition on prohibition, appears in The Globe to-day. In part he says:—The matter of transcendent importance is that the Government has promised, in accordance with the programme adopted at the Liberal Convention of 1893, to submit to direct vote a question involving, not only great commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests, but also popular habits and tastes and public morality.

Unquestionably the Premier has taken a great risk; but if his doing so springs from trust in the good sense of the people, as we have a right to suppose, it is a high time for us to consider our duty in the premises with all seriousness and calmness. So far as I know, the proposal to enforce prohibition has never yet been submitted by a government to the vote of any nation in the world. Municipalities, counties, provinces, states, have voted for and have actually tried prohibition; but for a Dominion, scattered over half a continent, to try it, especially with a boundary line of thousands of miles, on the other side of which it is lawful to import, manufacture and sell an experiment that one is tempted to term quixotic. But there are men in Canada—employers of labor, mechanics trusted by their fellows, educational authorities, students of history and sociology, literary men and others—competent and also free to speak out on this great public, non-party and moral question. With submission, it seems to me that it is their duty to do so now and as no man has a right to ask others what he himself is unwilling to do, according to the measure of ability, I propose to offer a contribution to the discussion. After long and earnest consideration I have come to the conclusion that a Dominion prohibitory law would be harmful to the cause of temperance, and most harmful to general, public and private morality. Believing this, it is surely my duty to do so to the polls and to vote "No" to the question, "Are you in favor of prohibition?" In another communication (Principal

