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THE METROPOLITAN ON TEMPERANCE.

The discourse of His Lordship the Metropolitan on temperance which was published in THE SUN two days ago, has attracted in it, His Lordship is a worthy gentleman of the old school. His ideas on the temperance question are those which were current among the best people in this province half a century ago, but are not current now. There was a time when few rich men kept houses without wine for their table, and when the middle and poorer classes had the jug filled with spirits about as regularly as its mate was filled with molasses. There is still drinking—too much of it; but those who keep liquor for habitual use in the home are very few. Taking this province through, the number of moderate, yet regular drinkers, is much smaller than many think. The great majority of the people in rural districts are either total abstainers, from principle or from inclination, or not claiming to be abstainers do not get out of their rooms a drop of liquor. The habitual use of spirits in the well ordered home is practically abandoned among the farmers, and indeed the household where the ancient custom is preserved is altogether exceptional anywhere in the province.

Yet somehow the people of New Brunswick drink an immense quantity of liquor. The bar is not exactly a modern invention, but bar room drinking has somewhat taken the place of family drinking. It is no longer a breach of hospitality to offer a guest no liquor at one's home. But among certain classes of the people it is the right thing to drink at the saloon. The change in the custom is perhaps more in the young generation, but it is giving us in country districts, and to a certain extent in towns, a population of young people who see no drinking and learn nothing about the temperance cause. "Can the truth injure the country," says the Globe on behalf of Mr. Stockton. No, it is better that any truth should be told if it is told fairly and all told. But "all that is half the truth is ever the blackest of lies." The man who presents official statements in a misleading fashion, or in such a way that they convey a wrong impression, should have some better object for doing so than that he is thereby doing good to his country, or the business men in it, and of the government which the people have chosen. Some of Mr. Stockton's statements in his present administration with the very editorial comments, as may be seen by the editorial columns of the New York and Boston papers. Mr. Stockton has succeeded in inducing two journals of the largest circulation in America to represent that New Brunswick investments should be carefully avoided by capitalists.

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The Globe's editorial report of the Hampton convention contains the following:—The facts dealt with by Mr. Stockton, especially in regard to the superannuation fund, excited great interest. Mr. Stockton compared the enormous increase of that fund under Sir John's present administration with the very slight increase during Mr. Mackenzie's time. But the people were most interested in a special case which he mentioned, that of a man who is sometimes to be seen in the streets of St. John who holds a position in another province, paid \$75 into the superannuation fund and will draw \$300 a year out of it so long as he lives, and is yet a hale and hearty man.

There must be some mistake here on the part of the Globe or its informant. The hale and hearty man who was superannuated in 1870, and who is now drawing \$300 a year, was only \$14,000 in the ten years. The case is one in which the interested editor of the Globe is, no doubt, much interested, however it may be with the people of Kings. It might be remarked that superannuations and pensions cost Canada \$102,000 in 1873, \$212,000 in 1878 and \$293,000 in 1885. The "enormous increase under Sir John's administration" amounted to \$11,600 a year. "Very slight increase during Mr. Mackenzie's time" was \$22,000 a year. It will be observed that the very slight increase is nearly double the enormous increase. This is one of the peculiarities of gilt dollar.

IN MR. STOCKTON'S DEFENCE.

It is a pluff defence that Mr. A. Stockton has had made for him in the Globe. Mr. Stockton, writing to a journal in New York to prove that protection has been a failure in this province, made incorrect and damaging statements about the condition of New Brunswick manufactures in general, and about one or two firms in particular. He doubtfully spoke of a failure in a firm of millmakers as of recent date, whereas it took place eight years ago. He intended it to be under the policy of protection and in consequence thereof, though he makes place before the protection policy became law, Mr. Stockton's reference to the mill business was calculated and evidently intended to make the readers of the Herald believe that the mill business in St. John is unprosperous, that firms engaged in it are not achieving success and are not controlling the home markets. Yet he knows, or could have known by asking, that the three mill making establishments in this city were at the time he wrote working at their full capacity, some of them over time; that they were all supposed to be doing a profitable business, and that they were employing over 160 hands, which is more than double the number employed the year before the protective policy was introduced, and is far in excess of the number at work in either year mentioned by him. Mr. Stockton gave misleading and damaging testimony as to the cotton business, placing particular stress on the failures that have occurred and, concealing the facts that the factories are now being successfully operated; alleging that the money so invested is "hopelessly lost" or is paying no interest, whereas he might by a fair majority shortly after Mr. Blake had been badly defeated in Ontario. Since that time he has been strengthening himself in every legitimate fashion and in various other ways. The administration has more than doubled the annual expenditure since it came in power. It is not denied that Mr. Mowat has sold some \$100,000 worth of the public domain, and that the balance of assets in the hand of the government is not larger than it was when Mr. Mowat was called to the premiership. There are sundry school book deals under which valuable publishing monopolies are secured to supporters of the government, one of the chief proprietors of the Globe being among them. Then Mr. Mowat made himself disliked in some portions of Ontario by his attempts to gain favor with the Kildieff family which is strong in the eastern counties. Among the purely local issues is a fight between the Toronto Mail and the government on the question of patronage, and his management of school book monopolies and other school questions, keeps a bright eye to main chance.

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This information day in Ontario. In a week one of the sharpest political contests which has ever taken place in that province will have ended. The opposition is contesting every foot of ground, although the leaders acknowledge the heavy odds against them. The Mowat gerrymander gives the government half a dozen constituencies previously held by the opposition, unless the advantage shall prove to be offset by a change of sentiment against the government in the localities affected. In Toronto the government is exceedingly unpopular and could not elect a candidate in a fair contest. To meet this case, the Mowat bill gives all the constituencies to Toronto alone in all the provinces. The constituency is given three representatives, each elector, however, having the privilege of voting for but two candidates. The government has only one candidate and votes for him alone. If the liberal conservatives should nominate a full ticket of three, each elector having only the privilege of voting for two of his men, the ticket would only receive two-thirds of the party support, while the opposition, though only one vote more than two-thirds as numerous, could elect their man. The result of the arrangement is the field of opposition put two candidates in the hands of the government only named one, while the labor party have formed a ticket of two. This scheme will give Mowat a supporter to represent an opposition constituency.

Premier Mowat is a hard man to beat. He carried the province in 1883 with a fair majority shortly after Mr. Blake had been badly defeated in Ontario. Since that time he has been strengthening himself in every legitimate fashion and in various other ways. The administration has more than doubled the annual expenditure since it came in power. It is not denied that Mr. Mowat has sold some \$100,000 worth of the public domain, and that the balance of assets in the hand of the government is not larger than it was when Mr. Mowat was called to the premiership. There are sundry school book deals under which valuable publishing monopolies are secured to supporters of the government, one of the chief proprietors of the Globe being among them. Then Mr. Mowat made himself disliked in some portions of Ontario by his attempts to gain favor with the Kildieff family which is strong in the eastern counties. Among the purely local issues is a fight between the Toronto Mail and the government on the question of patronage, and his management of school book monopolies and other school questions, keeps a bright eye to main chance.

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ST. STEPHEN.—A temperance meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the second of a series held under the auspices of Howard Division, S. of T., this winter. Addresses were made by C. N. Vroom and others. The proposed formation of a Temperance Society was postponed till after the first of the year.

BIG FIG.—A few days ago there appeared in THE SUN a paragraph from Coal Branch of a pig six months old weighing 255 lbs. Now Markhamville goes on better, with a pig six months old weighing 272 lbs. It was reared by George Gay. This pig was a cross bred one, Berkshire and Chester.

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THE LATEST popular Salvation Army gospel hymn is one of which the following is a stanza:— I never shall forget the day, Happy as a whale (repeated) When I met the money man's sin away, Happy as a whale.

DORCHESTER.—Jos. Hickman recently ploughed some 45 acres of marsh land. While the teams were at work, Jos. Palmer went down and asked leave to try his hand. He turned to meet a furrow as any of the champion ploughmen present. Mr. Palmer is still young, notwithstanding his 98 years.—Post.

UNUSUAL.—Henry Burbridge of Shippan Island has had two mackerel which weighed 12 lbs. each. One was taken on the first and the other on the second of December. They are respectively 6 1/2 and seven inches long. He reports that others were also found by neighbors. Mackerel in the Bay Chaleur so late in the season are unusual.—Chatham Advance.

A BIG HUNTER.—Josiah Phinney, 57, of Millis, is the champion snapper. This year he states he has shot or trapped already two muskrats, one willow cut, one skunk, forty muskrats and four minks. He is accredited with shooting 300 wild ducks during a season. He claims to have destroyed during his life no less than 29 bears. He is 73 years of age and is still on the "war path."

CALLED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Rev. J. W. Wadman, who has for nearly three years been pastor of the Carleton Methodist church, has received a call to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Victoria, B. C. It is not improbable that the call will be accepted. Rev. Mr. Wadman is one of the most talented young men in this province and his removal would be a loss to the Methodists of the maritime provinces.

As a Salvation Army soldier in Fredericton, N.S., Wesley died of a sore with a dozen eggs, his foot slipped, and he and the egg went down with a smash. He never said a word when the boys laughed, though he looked mad, and in the evening he got the best of the devil by keeping his mouth shut.—St. Y. Sun.

RAILWAY MENTIONS.—On the evening of the 14th inst., a meeting of the St. Louis, Richibucto and Buctouche Railway Co., was held in Richibucto. An offer was submitted to the Directors of the Company by John C. Brown,

for the building of the railway from Kingston station to the Kent Northern railway, to Esposito, a distance of sixteen (16) miles. The offer was accepted and a contract entered into with Mr. Brown for the construction of the work will be commenced early in the spring.

THE HERRING CATCH.—The herring catch for frozen fish has been very limited this season, and so far has been entirely confined to the Island of Grand Manan. G. L. Young of Sackville, has handed over one half the price he is willing to pay for a dozen Grand Manan to Boston, which cost him about \$1,000 laid down in Esposito. Three times that quantity could be purchased this time last year for the same money.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—On Saturday evening, 11th, McKENZIE Corner Division, No. 319, McKENZIE Corner, Carleton county, was organized with thirty-seven charter members. On the 11th inst., Mapleville Division, No. 320, was organized at Stylerville, Westmorland county, with forty-two charter members.

On the 13th inst., David Thomson, grand secretary, organized Garryville Division, No. 322, at Garryville, Albert county, with seventeen charter members. The evening was stormy, and the attendance would have been much larger.

A FREDERICTONIAN ABROAD.—Says the Los Angeles (California) Herald of November 23rd: "It gives the great pleasure to note the appointment of T. R. Gabel as acting general superintendent of the Atlantic & Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Gabel is one of the most promising young railway men in the United States, and he has developed at an unusually early age executive ability of the first order. He is certain to score his mark high up in railway management, indefatigable and sagacious, his appointment is hailed everywhere as a just recognition of a highly deserving official."

THE TIDES.—The tides the past week were the lowest that have been observed at Sackville for some years. On the 6th, a boat would scarcely float in the slip between the wharves of the West India wharf. Captain Eliza Chase, having an opportunity and taken some pains to ascertain from actual observation the difference between the highest spring and low tide, has found from measurement that the difference between the highest spring and low tide was 12 ft. 6 in. and the spring tide is 6 ft. 3 in. above the low tide, and 12 ft. 6 in. above the low tide.

SACKVILLE SALON DROPPED.—On Monday, 13th inst., the schooner Emily, N.S., was struck by a squall while going down the bay, and Mate Atkinson, of Sackville, was knocked overboard and drowned. The captain lowered the boat and put off in search of Atkinson, but he was not seen. The schooner, with one man aboard, in the morning drifted out of sight and the captain endeavored to find his vessel, but to no avail. He telegraphed to this city the facts, and the schooner was not seen until it was reported that it had been found.

JOHN GABRIEL of Grand Manan, referred to last week as lying in a critical condition at the general public hospital, died on the 14th inst. from the injuries received. Gaskill was 48 years of age. His remains were taken home to his family on Sunday morning.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—The Royal Gazette contains the following: Hon. David McLaughlin to be president of the board of agriculture; Geo. L. Colwell, Frederick W. Brown, Julius L. Innes, David T. Johnston, Jas. E. Fairbairn and Josiah J. Anderson, to be members of the board.

THE WEATHER.—The heavy rain of Saturday and early Sunday morning, has again destroyed the sleighing. Over two inches of soft falling the time mentioned, and between one and two inches on Sunday morning, a strong wind prevailed, blowing at an average of 34 miles per hour.

ST. STEPHEN.—A temperance meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the second of a series held under the auspices of Howard Division, S. of T., this winter. Addresses were made by C. N. Vroom and others. The proposed formation of a Temperance Society was postponed till after the first of the year.

BIG FIG.—A few days ago there appeared in THE SUN a paragraph from Coal Branch of a pig six months old weighing 255 lbs. Now Markhamville goes on better, with a pig six months old weighing 272 lbs. It was reared by George Gay. This pig was a cross bred one, Berkshire and Chester.

THE INTERNATIONAL Steamship Company, Boston, Esport and St. John, have adopted weekly reports of their work, extending to the International Boundary, S. of T., this winter. Addresses were made by C. N. Vroom and others. The proposed formation of a Temperance Society was postponed till after the first of the year.

THE LATEST popular Salvation Army gospel hymn is one of which the following is a stanza:— I never shall forget the day, Happy as a whale (repeated) When I met the money man's sin away, Happy as a whale.

DORCHESTER.—Jos. Hickman recently ploughed some 45 acres of marsh land. While the teams were at work, Jos. Palmer went down and asked leave to try his hand. He turned to meet a furrow as any of the champion ploughmen present. Mr. Palmer is still young, notwithstanding his 98 years.—Post.

UNUSUAL.—Henry Burbridge of Shippan Island has had two mackerel which weighed 12 lbs. each. One was taken on the first and the other on the second of December. They are respectively 6 1/2 and seven inches long. He reports that others were also found by neighbors. Mackerel in the Bay Chaleur so late in the season are unusual.—Chatham Advance.

A BIG HUNTER.—Josiah Phinney, 57, of Millis, is the champion snapper. This year he states he has shot or trapped already two muskrats, one willow cut, one skunk, forty muskrats and four minks. He is accredited with shooting 300 wild ducks during a season. He claims to have destroyed during his life no less than 29 bears. He is 73 years of age and is still on the "war path."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

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BATHURST

BATHURST, Dec. 15.—On the invitation of the manager, K. F. Burns, M. P., a number of persons from Bathurst enjoyed a trip over the Carleton railway yesterday.

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in answer to repeated calls made a short but happy speech, in which he expressed the hope that not only Bathurst but also the whole of the Carleton railway would be connected by railway communication with the exterior in a short time.

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SPRINGHILL, Dec. 17.—As Conductor Archibald's special freight train which left Springhill Junction at 11:40 last night, was approaching Belmont station at 8:30 this morning, it collided with a box car which had been derailed on the main line from a sliding during the heavy blow of last night.

P. E. ISLAND

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17.—The Kings Co. liberal conservative convention held at Georgetown yesterday was the most spirited and enthusiastic assembly ever held in the county.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six persons were killed by a boiler explosion in the town of Leoco, Lombardy.

CAMPBELL DIVORCE.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Sir Charles Russell concluded his argument for Lady Coffin Campbell in her divorce suit against her husband, Lord Campbell.

NO DUTY ON STOLEN FISH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Assistant Secretary Feltch has informed the collector of customs St. John, N. B., that the duty on the importation of a crew of American fishermen is now zero.

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An incident difficult to parallel in all the remarkable incidents of life, love and war...

A sister of the man was Mrs. Elizabeth Potter of Danville, Va., and a second brother was Daniel Smith a citizen of East...

It was a woman's tact and love which led to connecting the anchorite of Kentucky with the person of the Nova Scotia boy...

One day after reading the story of the hermit he and his home, the same upon a book which sketched among the prisoners...

ALL THE INCIDENTS OF THIS ESCAPE the book related with evident care. Two or three poor fellows were shot down by the guard...

A ROMANCE OF THE NORTHWEST.

Sir Charles Heath and the Queen of Caribou.

[The following particulars touching the Heathdale estate, only referred to in our special despatches, from Ottawa, yesterday, are taken from the Victoria, British Columbia, Colonist.]

Among the large estates in chancery there is one likely to be withdrawn next year...

The history of Lorey Smith's home and kindred was as he himself said, his father and mother died at Pictou, N. S., and there he was bred.

He would not leave his den, for all the coaxing and isolation that could be brought to bear...

N. B. SUPREME COURT.

Disposing of Election Petitions. FREDERICTON, Dec. 17.—The supreme court this morning at eleven o'clock delivered the following judgments:

Same v. same—application to rescind order of chief justice refusing to allow petitioners to file a duplicate copy of petition...

THE LOUISVILLE JOCKEY CLUB OFFERS A STAKE OF \$50,000. Arrangements have been made for the running of the greatest race ever known in America.

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