



The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1895.

MONDAY was rather an important day in the political history of the United States. It was the fourth of March, the day when Congress adjourns and gives the elected people a rest, the day when the term of office of the old members expires and that of the newly-elected ones begins. But the changes which took place on Monday were of more than usual importance, marking an epoch in the political affairs of the nation. On that day the democratic party, which but two short years ago came into power on the very topmost wave of popular favor, handed over the control of both Houses of Congress to their victorious opponents, leaving behind them such a record of incompetency and utter failure as had never been experienced before in the nation's history. Two years ago they carried almost everything. The country east, west, north and south gave them the most unqualified support and confidence. To-day the democratic party has just about ceased to exist. The silver question has wrecked the party, creating between the east and the west a great gulf, which there seems at present no prospect of bridging. The two years just closed have been strewn with the wrecks of banks, railway corporations, business houses, and industrial institutions, and characterized by tremendous strikes and those unique movements upon the national capital of great hordes of armies of the unemployed. An annual surplus of about \$100,000,000 has now given place to a huge annual deficit three times within the period have, the president and his treasury officials been compelled to borrow vast quantities of gold to save the credit of the nation. Very what a record for a party to make in so short a time! No wonder the people experienced feelings of relief when the fourth of March came and placed this body beyond the power of doing further harm.

The future of the democratic party is difficult to predict. It has probably fought its last fight as a united body, and the presidential campaign of next year may see an entirely new political organization in the field, being its claim for public support on the demand for free and unlimited coinage of silver.

One of our Bridgewater contemporaries is after the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Lunenburg county with a club. It calls upon these gentlemen to pay back into the municipal treasury within a given time all the money they have illegally drawn therefrom, for alleged services, under penalty of having an action at law entered against them for the recovery of the amount. These officials, it appears, have been taking too much toll, as it were. The law allows the warden of one of our municipalities a salary of fifty dollars a year as his entire remuneration. Councilors are allowed certain traveling expenses and a sum not to exceed two dollars a year, for their services. In the account attached to the meeting of the council, by holding a session in the morning, another in the afternoon, and a third in the evening, and calling the three sessions two days, Lunenburg county, just how much the law allows, while the Warden has drawn his salary of fifty dollars, and in addition the four dollars a day traveling expenses. This is a clear violation of the law, both in spirit and letter, and comes so near the real genuine article of "boodling" that our contemporary does well to call public attention to it. And if the threatened action to recover the amounts illegally drawn is proceeded with these gentlemen will no doubt have to disgorge.

The fully of attempting to build parallel lines of railway through the counties of York and Shelburne has produced the inevitable result a little sooner than was expected. The promoters of one of the enterprises, the broad gauge, have encountered financial difficulties, and work on the road is entirely suspended. It is stated that the liabilities of the concern will foot up pretty considerably amount, a good deal of which will fall on the laborers and other local men of York county. This result might have been seen from the beginning. It was not until the bonds of reason that the road was laid aside through that section of the province which ever should be made to pay as business enterprises. Both should never have begun. It is to be hoped that such arrangements can now be made by the aid of local and dominion subsidies one of the lines can be completed at an early day, and by all means let it be a broad or standard gauge road.

It has been our painful duty for the last few weeks to announce through the columns of the Monitor an unusually large number of deaths, and though the mortality has been largely attributable to old age, several deaths have occurred among those who had just reached an age when the future appeared full of promise and hope. Besides those whose obituary appears in this issue, and whose deaths it is lamentable to record, we exceedingly regret to state that the hand of affliction has been heavily on several of our households, for as we go to press this morning, there is but little hope held out by the attending physicians for the recovery of Mr. J. B. Kinney and Mr. Edward Davis, two of our well-known and respected residents, while from Lunenburg a telephone announces that a very critical and dangerous state of health.

Sale of the Reed Factory. It will be gratifying information to the inhabitants of this town in particular and the community in general, to learn that within the past few days our enterprising goods dealer, J. W. Beckwith, Esq., representing the late purchasers of the factory formerly belonging to J. B. Reed & Son, which was sold by the assignees of the estate some eight months ago—has disposed of the valuable premises and plant to members of the well-known firm of Shook, Cary & Co., and that it is the intention of the new owners to carry on an extensive business in western Nova Scotia in the future, with headquarters in this town. The agreement of sale was brought to an issue on Thursday last, and since that date, Mr. B. A. Iken, a gentleman who has been in their employ for the last two years, has been here looking over the newly-acquired property, and speaks in most favorable terms of the plant and the many other equally advantageous facilities for conducting a large and prosperous business in our midst. Notwithstanding that Kentville, Annapolis, and other of our towns have used every effort to induce the promoters comprising the new firm to locate in their respective centers, Bridgetown has outstripped them, and we may confidently look forward to a boom this spring which cannot but prove of great benefit to all.

Help for Newfoundland. The people of Boston, in response to the call for assistance from the Newfoundland clergy, have forwarded a contribution of provisions, clothing, and sundries valued at \$10,000. The shipment is in charge of Allen T. Fay, of the Boston Globe. Just before the steamer left Boston Mr. Fay says, a telegram was received from the clergymen of Harbor Grace, to this effect: "In the name of God save some of the provisions for the people of this town, unless they were specially contributed for the suffering in St. John's. Answer and let us know if we may expect relief."

The paymaster general of the United States Navy has called for bids on 120,000 pounds of navy plug chewing tobacco. This is an item for curious economists to read, and is invariably sold at a profit. It is the kind of ammunition for Jack Tar necessary for the full efficiency of a modern cruiser or battleship.

Local and Special News.

MIDDLETON LOSES A PROMINENT RESIDENT. We record under the proper heading the death of one of the best known and most prominent citizens of this county, Arthur Dodge, Esq., who passed peacefully away at home near Middleton, on Saturday morning last, 2nd inst., at the ripe age of 86. In every walk of life Squire Dodge was a good citizen. He was one of the oldest Justices of the Peace in the county, and for many years filled the position of Town and Ward Clerk. Honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men, he was also in his public duties painstaking, impartial and very exact. Although long past the allotted span he retained the use of all his faculties to the last day of his life, and having a wonderful memory he could tell at once the exact date of any event which has occurred during the last three-quarters of a century. He was accustomed to tell how, as a boy, he had seen his father, the late Mr. Dodge, in the field one day, take of his hat and break enthusiastically when the news was told him of the great victory of the English at Waterloo. He was a public-spirited citizen, and no deserving object ever appealed to him in vain for assistance. His funeral took place on Monday, and was attended by a large number of people. He leaves two sons and a daughter, his wife having preceded him in death "the better land" some ago, and a very large circle of relatives to mourn their loss.

DEATH OF WALKER ARMSTRONG. In the death of Mr. Walker Armstrong, of Bloomington, which occurred last Monday morning, the eastern portion of the county loses one of its oldest inhabitants, and a man who was widely and favorably known by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Armstrong was one of the leading and most successful farmers in that section of the county, and by diligence and honorable and upright dealing had won for himself, not only a large share of this world's goods, but the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. The deceased had reached the ripe age of 86 years, and up to a short time ago had enjoyed remarkably good health. He was the father of fourteen children—seven sons and seven daughters—all whom he served with the exception of one. Among those well known in this vicinity may be mentioned Mr. Geo. Armstrong, a successful merchant, now conducting business at Kingston; Mr. Manning Armstrong, a progressive farmer, residing at the same place, and Mr. Millard Armstrong, a present living near Bear River, while several others in different parts of the county. The funeral is to take place on Thursday, 7th inst., from his late residence, at 2 o'clock, and the service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Pines.

DEATH OF NOVA SCOTIA'S OLDEST JOURNALIST. Alexander Lawson, the veteran editor of the Yarmouth Herald, died on Sunday last after a brief illness, aged 80 years. A short time ago Mr. Lawson was in excellent health, but he had been suffering for some time with a severe cold, which brought on asthma, a sickness he has suffered for many years past, but he sank rapidly and the last, the end being peaceful and apparently free of pain. The deceased was born in Scotland, but in early life came to Nova Scotia, and after leaving the printing trade founded the Herald in 1853, since which period he has continued to be its editor and proprietor. He was without doubt the oldest journalist in British America, and had conducted a paper longer than any other journalist in the Dominion. He leaves three sons and three daughters, his wife having died some years ago. James and William Lawson live in California, J. Murray Lawson has been associate publisher of the Yarmouth Herald. A daughter, Mrs. Robinson, is wife of the warden of the Western Union office at Pictou; and the Misses Lawson live at Yarmouth. The Monitor, together with the entire press of Nova Scotia, extends to the bereaved family its deepest sympathy.

SAMUEL STRONG. Shortly after five o'clock last night, Mr. Samuel Strong, a resident of this town for the last few months, passed to his rest, after a long and tedious illness, aged 74 years. For many years of his life the deceased occupied a large and prosperous business in the city of Halifax, where he was widely and favorably known, but owing to ill health he was compelled to retire from the active duties of his calling, and up to within a year ago, when he and his family removed to this town, had been a resident of Dartmouth. The deceased was married to Corvallis, and was a son of the late David Strong, one of the prosperous farmers of that fertile locality. He had twice married, his second wife, who still survives him, being the daughter of the late Captain John Bath, of Grandville, and a sister of Mr. Robert Bath, now residing at that place. He leaves a family of four sons and one daughter, among the number being Mr. Chas. Strong, well-known as one of our prosperous merchants now conducting business on Queen Street. Of a quiet and pleasing disposition, and a devoted husband and father, he was in his vicinity, had won the friendship and esteem of many of our citizens, who will learn of his death with feelings of profound regret.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLeod and Miss Sarah McLeod, who have been visiting their mother at Lunenburg since the 1st inst., and studied law at Iowa State University. (Deceased was a brother of our respected townsman, John Ervin, Esq., barrister, and was here some few years ago on a visit, when he formed the acquaintance of many of our friends, who will read of his death with much regret.)—Ed.

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Back From His Toronto Trip.

Two weeks ago we made the announcement that Mr. J. W. Beckwith had left on a business trip to Toronto, though at the time we had but little knowledge that he comprised one of a party of fifteen representative merchants of the lower provinces who had accepted an invitation from the leading dry goods house of John McDonald & Co., to visit their establishment in that city for the purpose of making an inspection of their colossal spring display. Nevertheless, such was the case, and our enterprising citizen, who is again at his post of duty, speaks in most glowing terms of the kindness the entire party received at the hands of those who had conferred upon them the appreciation of honor. The select few met at Montreal as a starting point, where they found a pull waiting for their arrival, and on which they took passage for the Queen city shortly afterwards going straight through in their destination without any stops whatever, everything necessary for their comfort having been provided, even to courteous and obliging attendants. The time spent in Toronto was of a most pleasing and instructive nature, and the entire trip was of such a delightful character as to leave a lasting and favorable impression upon all.

General Election in Sight. A Mr. Balcom, who claims to be a resident of Bridgetown, and who is now in Toronto, has been informed by a representative of the Ontario Farmers' Union, that in mid-October he will be in receipt of telegrams from Attorney General Longley, Mr. Miller, and other parties in Annapolis County, summoning him home to assist in the election of a member of the House of Representatives, or to be present at a meeting which he could possibly reach his native land.

The same man was thus convinced that Mr. Balcom held quite a position in the Councils of the county, and ventured to inquire after the welfare of our genial John H. Mills, the present and future member for Annapolis. "Miller" I tell you, mister, it is all up with Mills; we are going to run a Liberal Government, and in a few days we will call a prohibition convention and nominate a local candidate, and you will see that John H. Mills is the man for us. I tell you, mister, Longley is a great one; he knows how to work.

At this stage of the conversation the steamer stood up on her hind legs and Annapolis politics had no further interest for the Times man.—Yarmouth Times.

Million Dollar Blaze at Toronto. Toronto, March 3.—This city has again had an awful visitation from fire. Shortly before one o'clock this morning a terrible fire started at the corner of Yonge and Adelaide streets, the central feature of the fire being a large building which was being erected by the late Mr. J. W. Beckwith, and owned and occupied by Robert Simpson. This was burned to the ground, and the entire building being a total loss.

Several buildings in the vicinity were also burned, and the loss is estimated at one million dollars. The insurance will reach about two-thirds of this amount. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is believed to be a gas stove.

S. S. Venetian Wrecked in Boston Harbor. Boston, March 3.—The British steamer Venetian, which was wrecked on Monday night in the harbor of Boston, is now lying in a yard at Digby, last Wednesday afternoon.

It is not H. Rider Haggard, as stated, but his brother, Colonel Haggard, who is the Rockies, who is to spend some time at Mr. O'Key's farm, in this province, the coming summer.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert E. FitzRandolph, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Newell, at Digby, will be glad to learn that she is gradually recovering.

Mr. Joseph Beckwith, of Kentville, took a run down here on Monday night, and is now in a hospital, where he is recovering from an illness which he contracted in London, while going out of Boston harbor yesterday afternoon in a fog and snow storm, stranded on the bridge and broke in two, and just amidships early this morning and will be a new spring.

—From now until the first of May next you can get your Watch or Clock cleaned, by a new spring, by the late Mr. J. W. Beckwith, at the early train between Kentville and Halifax.

A petition is in circulation in the United States praying Congress to enact a law enforcing the rigid examination of all deceased persons before burial in order to satisfy the remaining friends and the state that the person is really dead.

The Dominion government have decided to enter the present cruiser Annapolis in the sailing race of fishing vessels to be held, the end of April, from Halifax across the Atlantic. The Kingfisher will not, however, compete for a prize.

Halifax was visited by a destructive fire last Wednesday. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The grain elevator, freight and immigrant sheds and a large quantity of freight destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

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