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**ANOTHER HOIST!**

**THE THIRD WATER SPOUT  
EXPLODES.**

A certain fabulist writes of an old horse—which by the way may have had much of the ass in his composition—who used to leave the barn yard and every day try to jump a stone wall guarding a pasture beyond wherein smoked pots in which were milk and honey. The stupid old brute would not desist after failing, but tried the experiment day after day. The upshot of it was he broke his neck. Mr. Andrew G. Blair is becoming so impatient that he is and will be, further, like that old horse; or like the great law giver to the Jews, he will never get his foot in the promised land because of his impatience. Mr. Blair has this session put not less than three torpedoes under the feet of the Government. Two of these the Secretary proved to be wind bags, on putting his foot through them. Early in the session he moved his famous want of confidence or rather moved swiftly from the realm of fancy to the region of fact upon the strength of information received from some blackguards who wanted to have fun at his expense. But this comedy of errors has ceased to be remembered by hon. gentlemen of the house, and the country once more stood aghast as he forged his last thunderbolt, a resolution on the Chatham Branch question, involving a want of confidence vote. This resolution was to raise the Government so high that there was no attempt at concealing it was a want of confidence measure. And the party who was to sustain this motion was no less than a man who had supported and defended the measures of the late Government; who had defended them in his newspaper from the slanders of the Opposition hacks. Another man who had reviewed the conduct of the past Government, scanned the reconstruction, and so far approved of all as to move to address in reply to the Governor's speech.—Others too were upon that fatal list. A St. John lawyer who had pledged his word and his honor to support the party—with the mental reservation, so long as the had a fair majority—whipped in the independents and spread out a list before the eyes. "Here," said this wily lawyer, "we count twenty-three names, among which is my own. Put down yours Ur-baino, and you make twenty-four." Blair knew well with whom he dealt. He knew that office is enticing, and especially so to a man who feels that his party have slighted him. Before the eyes of Mr. Elder he dangled the office of Secretaryship, spoke long and warm sentences on his appreciation of Mr. Elder's talent, depicted in glowing terms the two thousand a year and pickings. "Your paper will be as of yore, the leading paper of the province, and your position will bring as much to you as your office," renounce your past allegiance, sever the ties, away with your friendship for Fraser, put consistency under foot—we offer you wealth, gold, office, emolument. What is like unto the yellow metal? Can you look upon it and not shatter your allegiance and your consistency? Can you reject my offer and reflect how the Government have deceived you? This last word, "deceived" was enough. Mr. Elder the fine dignified looking gentleman, whose hairs command respect, consented, for who wouldn't? He stood upon the floor of the house and tried to prove that the action of the Government in endeavoring to protect the interests of the country was worthy of censure and their overthrow. But with a half heart and a regret he did this—while he said he would

vote for the resolution, remorse stung him to the heart's core. But when Mr. Speaker puts the vote a tremor is perceptible. We are reminded of Macbeth, who sees the dagger and clutches at it. The words "Whoever is in favor of the resolution will say nay," are like the striking of the bell, and inwardly the unhappy victim of Mr. Blair's cunning, mutters as he is about to rise, "I must go, the bell invites me."

The deed is done. There sits twenty-three members more appalling to the vision of the unhappy men than the aerial dagger or the gory locks of Banquo to Shakespeare's hero.

The count ran thus:—  
Against the Resolution.  
For it.  
Blair, Wedderburn, Landry, Adams, Crawford, Perley, Hutchinson, Gillespie, Butler, Barbarie, Cottrell, Ryan, Thompson, Vail.  
—Total, 11.

Or a majority of fifteen! In our most sanguine moments we put down but thirteen. The intelligence and good sense of the House have prevailed. In future no effort of any desperate office seeker to hurl the Government from power for the sake of the spoils, will meet with other than contempt and a worse defeat than we chronicle above. We are sorry only for Mr. Elder.

**Our Proposal.**  
We do certainly hope that the last explosion has not brought Mr. Blair's period of usefulness to an end. We have supported the Government long enough, for now they deserve censure. There is an old bridge about 25 miles from Fredericton, spanning a gully which runs into some farmer's well, and the said farmer obtained a contract to the amount of \$2.15 cents to repair the said bridge. We have now testimony before us, showing that the builder of said bridge expended but \$210 cents on said bridge. There is, therefore, five cents out of which the country has been swindled, and for which we now hold the Government responsible. This is no rumor, and Mr. Blair need not get the wheels in motion to move from the realms of fancy to the region of fact, but he can bring in his want of confidence motion in this wise:—

"Whereas, It has been shown by important evidence that the Government of this Province have unlawfully, and in a way derogatory to the interests of the Province, squandered the sum of FIVE CENTS in over-expenditure on Gander Puddle Creek.  
"And Whereas, The sticks over said creek have been procured in swampy land, and hauled over Deacon Gunter's fields:  
"By it therefore Resolved, That the House do view with disapprobation the conduct of the Government in this, and in all such blunders as they may in the future commit."

Upon any such measure as this we are with Mr. Blair—on that he may rest assured. *Pax voliscum Andree.*

**Not Logical.**  
It is gratifying to know—to hear from Mr. Elder's own mouth—that he approves the general policy of the Government. It is difficult, however, to see why a Government whose general policy is a good one should be overthrown. And it was in trying to prove this that we heard Mr. Elder, for the only time, talk illogically. No sophistry or turn of terms could justify such reasoning.

Here is the whole case (granted). The general policy of the Government is good. But the Government must be overthrown. Ergo the general good policy of a Government is not a redeeming feature. But Mr. Elder viewed this matter as did Mr. Davidson, and viewing it as there was nothing for him to do but decline to vote on it. Davidson said: "I cannot vote against the resolution for it is a good one; but as the overthrow of the Government depends upon the carrying

of the motion, and as I approve the general policy of the Government, I cannot vote in favor of it." Had both these gentlemen looked into the logic and ethics of the question their course would be clear.—The greater good takes precedence of the lesser, evil.—The policy was generally good, the evil was trivial.

**The Kent Railroad.**

The contract for building this road has been signed by the Government; to whom the contract to build it will be given is a question yet unsettled. We now close our eyes to political claims and look at the merits of the case. Mr. J. C. Brown was to have the contract and nothing appearing that he would not get it, he set to work surveying and otherwise preparing the road at much time and much expense. No one else that we are aware of has taken any such steps, as no one else had any assurance of getting the contract. We think therefore on the rails being given, Mr. Brown will very likely get the contract; at least his seems to be the strongest claim for it.

**Opposition Disappointments.**

Is it not too bad that the Opposition has gone up, after Mr. Willis being promised the office of Queen's Printer? Is it not desperate that the bottom has fallen out of the Opposition after John Beagle Gunter, Esq., being promised the High Sheriffship of York? O Tuesday was for the Opposition, their dies i ac. The Mayor has since held a meeting of sympathy for the Opposition leader in the office, and as he looked upon the woe be gone plight of "Andrew" exclaimed in the words of Beelzebub to Satan:—

"If thou beest he, but O! how fallen, how changed!"

Tell me Andrew whence this mighty overthrow! Be guided after this by my counsel, and you will bring no such humiliation upon your cause."

We clip the following account from the papers. It tells of the latest attack on the British by the Zulus:—

CAPE TOWN, March 25, via St. Vincent, April 3.  
A convoy of supplies proceeding from Derby, in Lindina district, to Lamburg on Pangoia River, and escorted by 164 men of the 8th Regiment, was attacked at day break on March 12th, on the banks of the Itonbe river, by 4,000 Zulus under Umbelime. Owing to previous alarm the British were under arms, but were overwhelmed by the enormously superior force of the enemy. Capt. Moriarty and 40 men were killed and 20 men are missing. The late of the wagon drivers unknown. One hundred and thirty men of the 8th Regiment subsequently proceeded to the scene of the fight and recovered a quantity of rockets, ammunition and buried the dead. Twenty wagons containing supplies were lost.

Reinforcements have now reached Capetown. Confidence is felt in Sir Bartle Frere.

Papers like the morning News are a curse to a party. This paper asked last fall that the Chatham Branch matter be "probed to the bottom." The leader of the party of which the News is a fitting organ brings in a resolution of want of confidence because the Government made an effort to "probe the matter to the bottom." This is the kind of company into which Mr. Elder unwisely allowed himself to be dragged. Rest assured Mr. Elder has little sympathy for such a clique.

Would it not be well if some member on the floors of the house would call the attention of the house to the scandal charged against the Normal School, in the matter of this Miss Clark receiving a fee for giving classification to students? We do hope some member will have independence enough to enquire into the matter, from his place. True Dr. Hand can't be reached, but the sentiment of the house could reach him.

**A transfer of Barbarie.**

Know all men by these presents, that we hereby convey, body and bones, soul—if any—and all other appurtenances of J. Cunard Barbarie to Mr. Blair and his assigns, on behalf of the Opposition, to have and to hold him—if possible—for ever. And much good may he do them. And by this transfer the Government sustains no loss—the Opposition do not gain.

ing Dr. Rands office and appointing a Commissioner of Education. The enquiry was not, perhaps, put in a proper form. The advisability of dismissing Dr. Rant would be a matter perhaps for much consideration. The enquiry deserves much careful reflection, and we hope it will get attention at the hands of the Government.

The News came out yesterday in sackcloth and ashes, but patient withal. It neither howled against the Government nor whined at its trashing. It was as dumb as Balaam's ass.

Hon. Mr. Langevin has gone to England on the Letelher matter.

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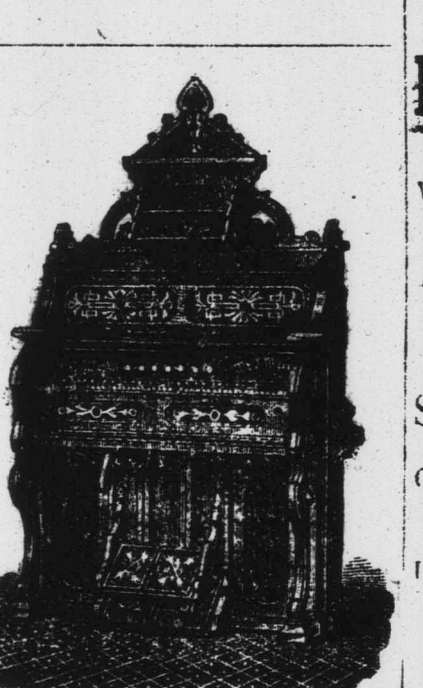
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March 11—11

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OWEN SHARKEY,  
Fredericton, Feb. 4.—11.



LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The House will likely rise Tuesday next. Now is the time to present a doubtful bill. A fence or paling is to be put round the Normal School this spring.

We call particular attention to the "minstrel" advertisement in another column. TOO BAD.—Covert asks—"In II—'a lame arm I to be committed to the eternal shades—of opposition?"

Mr. Cropley's new book store is the downtown attraction now. It is well stocked, well lighted, and has a prominent position. Colonel Ray has been elected Mayor of St. John by a majority of nearly 300. This is rather due to the popularity of the man than the measure.

Mr. Page Hammond, of Kingsclear, left this city for the West yesterday. Messrs. Brodeur and Scully left here Monday morning, also for the West. "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Would people who have been reading the STAR since Oct 7, please send in their subscriptions? Our terms are in advance, and we are not as rich as Rothschild.

What is the law regarding those detestable corner loafers? Now if we pay for police in the city, we have a right to expect them to perform their duty. Dear knaves they have no much to do, and if they can't keep those loafers scattered, they had better resign. Mr. Collier.—York will have reason to feel proud of Mr. Collier's record in the house. He is not boisterous nor glib, but a reference to the Journals will show that every measure brought in by him is a sound one—and all have passed. The rural interests of the county are, we repeat, well represented by him.

Mr. George LaForrest, who lately graduated as M. D., with honors from Victoria College, has opened an office in Lewiston, Maine, a thriving city of 20,000 inhabitants. Business already is coming into him fast. We feel sure Dr. LaForrest will be a credit to his native city. On Social Reform.—Application has been made for a charter to incorporate the Canada Sugar Refinery, capital \$1,000,000, to be located in St. John, and the necessary fee has been deposited in the Provincial Secretary's office, Fredericton, by Mr. Marshall, M. P., on behalf of the capitalists concerned.—Ed.

We have been prevailed upon to publish the following: Challenge. I hereby challenge any one or two in this city for a walking match for \$25, at whatever time may be hereafter agreed upon, between 7.30 p. m. and 10.30 p. m. Programme as follows:—Two hours and a half square feet and the walk the latter half hour to go as suits the walkers. JAMES WARD. From, 9th April 1879.

Too Fast.—It is too bad to be too fast, or as our friend Mac says "to be too previous." Through means of Mr. J. C. Barbrie has got himself into the cold opposition shades, to do penance in sackcloth and ashes with the rest. You see he was not as cautious in the last vote as he was in the former one, for Butler, Hutchison and so forth told him the Government were going up sure; so without waiting in a rising attitude, till he saw how the vote stood, he jumped up—and got fluked. MORAL.—Never vote on any question till you are sure you are with the majority.

NEWSPAPER COMPLIMENTS.—Read how two editors go for a Presbyterian clergyman, editor of the Presbyterian. "Stephen (meaning the minister), is a contemptible, miserable, lying blackguard, the miserable slouch!" The clergyman copies these morsels into his pages and replies in this meek strain:—"Why? Just because we are not a drunken, bribed infidel that often lies in the gutter, and because we only truthfully expose what they actually practice. Shocking abuse of a minister. We have "miserable slouches" over here not ministers at all, but it is almost treason to call them so."

When we entered the house this morning and looked down upon the fragments of the once mighty Opposition, we burst out with Byron. "Like the leaves of the forest, when summer is gone, the host with (bright faces) at sunset were seen" (about the Queen Hotel.) "Like the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown, that host on the morrow lay withered and withered." Blair looked like a flower plucked from the hot bed and exposed to the rude breath of a winter night. He was withered and withered badly. We can't really refrain from drawing illustrations. Milton describes Satan's boast after their rout, and confusion

through the Tartarean deep, and we think the picture applicable to the arch-leader, Blair, and the second in command though the Elder, of the two. They looked like: "scattered sedge Afloat, when with fierce winds Orion arm'd Hath vex'd the Red Sea coast, whose waves crested" Busiris and his Memphian chivalry. Abject and lost lay these, covered the floors Under amazement of their hideous change." But that we would not like to cook the poet we should have parodied.

FILTHY SCRIBBLING.—There is a paper printed in New York and the Publishers are making great efforts to have it circulated everywhere. With this view they have secured the services of beastly writers, who have neither wit nor words, who have not even intelligence enough to be successful in giving scandal. The most nonsensical, vulgar, low, filthy garbage that we have ever before heard of defiling paper is written in it. There is nothing any one can read with pleasure, be he ever so debased. The lowest ruffian could not read it and smile, for the writer is so stupid, too much of the brute. The Boston Express is the name of the paper and we fear not to name it. Any one who wastes 3 cents on it once will never do so again. For even vicious writings must show ability to be palatable to the depraved.

Tax Monoton Times says:— On the 29th ult., as Mr. John Murphy, of St. Martin's, was chopping a tree that was partly lugged on a side hill, a young bear, apparently about a year old, suddenly jumped out from a cavity in the ground which was partly concealed by the roots of the tree. Mr. Murphy, very fortunately, had a large dog with him, which immediately sprang and seized his bearslip and a sharp struggle ensued. The dog fought bravely, but he was not strong enough and soon began to show signs of exhaustion. Mr. Murphy then came to his assistance and between them they killed the bear. It is a peculiarity of bear stories that either John Martin, or Squire Stevens or "somebody else" always discovers Bruin and kills him. It is seldom one writes over his own signature of having killed such vermin. We hope at any rate that this "Mr. Murphy of St. Martin's" has not been slaying his neighbours calves. Of course the Squire of the Times is not making it?

Law Examinations. The following law students have been up for examination for barrister-ship: W. F. Kerston, E. H. McAlpine, Stephen Rand. For attorneyship: Edmund G. Kay, J. J. Harrington, John McAllister, Geo. P. Thomas, Dennis B. Gallagher. Entered as students:— Alex. Stratton, Chas. I. Richards, Josiah K. Murphy, K. K. Coster, F. V. Wedderburn, P. J. A. Lear, James G. Knight, W. A. Girouard, R. B. Adams, Edward Girouard. In Supreme Court Tuesday, Mr. Kerr moved for certiorari in the Abell case.

We clip the following excellent pen sketch from an exchange:—"Rather below the middle height, of stout proportions and compact form, Thompson with his quick movements, gives one the impression that he is an active bustling man of great energy and force. In his speech this impression was fully sustained. He fairly startled the House. Like a thunderbolt, he launched forth, and for an hour he slashed away at the Government in such a style, that one would suppose he would annihilate them. With a voice of Boanerges, and a rapidity of utterance equal to an auctioneer, he delivered what might have been a pretty good speech away back in the wilds of York, but in a deliberative Assembly, was a mistake. No Troquois warrior on his war path, ever howled with louder tongue, and no Christian ever wants to hear such howls again. It is a pity too, as he gave evidence of some brains, and amid the roaring at times made good points. O'Connell used to say, 'agitate! agitate! agitate!' to his friends. I would now say to Thompson: 'moderate! moderate! moderate!'"

After reading this well written extract which shows a humorous and witty faculty, and keen descriptive power, it is entirely unnecessary for us to say "we were mistaken in the authorship of similar sketches and that Mr. Ritchie is entirely innocent of them. This is due Mr. Ritchie, for he is one of those who only wants the merit that he deserves, and wishes only to be credited with the ability he happens to possess: it is due the writer of these very good letters to say that Mr. Ritchie did not write them. We are loth, however, to believe that this honorable member (Mr. R.) when twitted with the authorship of these letters shut an eye about half to, and while looking important, asks: "Do you really think I am the writer?" taking care never to disown them—since they have begun to show evidence of such marked ability. If this be true, which we do not believe, the honorable St. John member reminds us of a character of which we have read in the life of Coleridge. In Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" appearing, the poet wrote the following lampoon, anonymously, on the poem:—"To Samuel Taylor Coleridge: "Your poem most eternal be, It surely cannot fail— It is incomprehensible— Without either head or tail." A shallow headed fellow who wanted to be recognized as a man of letters— never dreaming Coleridge to be the

author—approached the poet. "Excuse me sir, my name is —, I have been wishing to call on you for some time, but 'having lampooned your 'Ancient Mariner,' in four lines, commencing: "Your poem most eternal be," I was ashamed to approach you." "O never mind about that," returned Coleridge, "I wrote these lines you refer to myself." The coxcomb wilted of course. We have not a case in point, we feel assured.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. TUESDAY. White moved the house into committee to consider a bill relating to the qualification of municipal electors. Killam in the chair. The mover, in commenting the bill, said he did not agree with the present practice in depriving the taxpayer of the vote. Crawford approved of the bill, and one cogent reason was that it would prevent much bribery and corruption. As the law now stands, a voter often gets his taxes paid, in consideration of his vote. Johnson said he could not understand why the man who owns property should not have a vote. If his taxes are not paid and he possesses property, then it is the fault of the officers of the law for not collecting the tax. And no man's franchise should be affected because the officers of the law failed to carry out their duty. On division the Bill was defeated. Killam moved the House into committee on a Bill authorizing the Town Council of Moncton to exempt certain manufacturers from paying taxes on their industries. Butler in the chair.

AFTERNOON. Vail moved the house into committee of the whole on the bill relating to simultaneous elections. Lynott in the chair. McManus said that there were several parishes in Gloucester which were engaged in fishing, and that if the election was held in the middle of the week, these parishes would be totally unrepresented in the house, as the persons engaged in fishing left in their boats on Monday and did not return until Saturday night. Mr. Ryan endorsed his statements, and said that he had an amendment which he would like to place before the house. Dr. Vail moved chairman's report progress and ask leave to sit again. Carried. Then the order of the day (supplies) was taken up at 2.55. Mr. Harrington took the floor and continued from where he left off last night. Elder said if he had defended the act of the Government in this matter last year, he should have much pleasure in defending it now, when the matter was then before the house. But last year he was on this committee, and understood that the Government stock was a gift to the company. But since that time the Government has changed its position. It does not now hold that this stock was a gift; for it places an injunction upon the road, and puts the whole matter in equity. These two courses were incompatible, and he could not reconcile them. He could not conscientiously vote against the resolution before the house; and while approving of the general policy of the Government, much as he regretted it, he should vote for the resolution. Hill said he failed to see the question in the same light as the speaker who had just sat down. To his mind one part of the resolution went too far, another did not go far enough. Part of the resolution would be to stifle enquiry into the matter. He would withhold saying more, vote against the resolution. Wedderburn said the attitude of the Opposition on this matter had placed such a picture before him as he hardly could reconcile to his mind. Mr. Willis, in his paper last summer asked that the outrageous Chatham Branch scandal be probed to the quick. Now because the Government have taken the only way possible of dealing with the matter, this same opposition brings in a resolution to overthrow the Government. It afforded him much pleasure indeed to think that the hon. Mr. Elder had approved of the general policy of the Government; while he hardly knew what to say when he heard that the hon. gentleman censured the Government and supported a resolution for its overthrow, just because some might say they had committed "an error in guaranteeing the interests of the province." The motion was then put and lost, by 26 to 11. [See in editorial columns those who voted for and against the resolution.—Ed.] The sum of \$15,873.89 was voted for the construction of a wing of the Lunatic Asylum; and after a discussion by Messrs. Willis, Fraser, Elder and Cover, \$2,000 was voted for a fence and grading on the Normal School property. The sum of \$32,647.98 was voted to meet over-expenditure on the 31st Oct., 1878, for survey and refunds connected

with the Crown Lands, etc. For railway inspection there was voted \$3,000. After discussion, there was voted \$2,000 for unforeseen expenses. Mr. Elder inquired as to what action the Government intended to pursue in respect to settling under the Free Grants Act. Mr. Wedderburn replied, that the Government were, in hopes that they would be able to arrive at some conclusion before the close of the session. After a discussion \$5,947.53, balance due in the construction of the Exhibition Building at Fredericton, was passed. Mr. Gillespie moved that the salary of the Speaker be \$600 instead of \$700.

WEDNESDAY, 9th. After routine, Wedderburn moved the house into committee on a bill to further amend law relating to civic elections in the city of St. John. McLellan in the chair. The bill passed; also: A bill relating to rates and taxes in the city and county of St. John. Hutchison in the chair. The bill was agreed to. Gillespie gave notice of enquiry, whether it was the intention of the Government to abolish the office of Chief Superintendent of education, and appoint to the floor of the house, a Commissioner of education who would be responsible in his place. Vail moved the house into committee to further consider a bill relating to simultaneous elections in the province. The bill was carried. Blair introduced a Bill to authorize the City of Fredericton to issue Exhibition debentures. Barbrie moved the House into committee on a bill to protect caribou. The learned mover said he begged to point out to the House that there was much difference between a caribou and a moose. Crawford thought the law should not be tampered with, without consulting the Chief Game Commissioner. The Bill seemed to provide for the destruction of caribou. Johnson said the House had passed wild geese and hare, hyls, and now was losing its time over this. The next Bill would be on crows, another on hens, and they ought to pass one on roosters. To do this they might extend the session through the summer. (Laughter.) The Bill passed. The committee to whom was referred the matter of Levi Effort reported, that they had decided to refer the matter to a committee of the whole house. Blair then moved the House into committee on the matter. Marsall in the chair. Discussion followed on the Bill till noon. It was resumed during the afternoon, several prominent members going into the discussion. The bill was lost. White moved the house into committee to further consider the division of the parish of Woodstock. The report was not adopted, but was referred to the executive government by amendment. Johnson moved for a committee consisting of a member from each county in the province to whom be referred the matter of the distribution of by-road money. Mr. Willis thought the session was too far advanced to lose time with this bill. Johnson, the Hon. member with others from St. John have taken up almost half the session with Bills from that quarter. This bill was necessary. GOING HOME.—Mr. Levite Theriault one of the most jolly, most popular of our members leaves for home to-day. We wish our esteemed friend a pleasant journey.

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