

OUR POLITICAL HISTORY.

INTERESTING SKETCHES BY MR. G. E. FENNETT.

The Prohibition Law Passed in New Brunswick 1856. The Executive Council...

Responsible government was yet destined to have another set-back in this province, arising out of a matter so immaterial in itself...

At an extra session of the legislature held in October, 1854, for the consideration of the Reciprocity treaty...

It was high water with the temperance organizations in New Brunswick in 1855, but not high enough to float successfully the plans contemplated for destroying the liquor traffic...

After several days of acrimonious discussion the bill was carried, but it was not considered at the time to be a true test vote. Several who supported the measure expressed their opposition privately among their friends...

The prohibition liquor bill carried, (17 to 21 in lower house) received the governor's assent and became law—to take effect 1st January, 1856. The bill provided that no liquor should be imported or exported for sale unless for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes...

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most numerous and influentially signed by citizens of St. John, Liberals (alike) and Tories alike, was sent to the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to dissolve the house and appeal to the country upon the liquor law...

Old Liberals and fast friends, who had stood shoulder to shoulder for years in contending for self-government, and at daggers' points, politically speaking, with the Tories...

When Mr. Hume was a member of the house of commons, there was a discussion between the chancellor of the exchequer on the budget, as to the real amount involved in the liquor law...

During the session of 1856 petitions were presented to the house from all parts of the province, from liquor dealers and brewers, asking compensation for the loss of their business and the merchandise they had on hand...

Mr. Gilmour inquired when the bill for the repeal of the prohibitory law would be taken up. He contended that it was a measure of importance and that the country was anxiously awaiting the result.

Mr. Boyd referred to a memorandum of the minutes of the executive in which the council had recommended His Excellency to sanction the act. In the opinion of Mr. B. it was therefore a government measure.

Mr. Wilmot (ex-governor) said that if the government were not responsible for the bill they were for the deficiency in the revenue. Surveyor-General believed it was not right for the government to go against the voice of the people.

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REV. GEORGE BRUCE, B. A.

THE POPULAR PASTOR OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

An Outline of the Direction and Results of His Sixteen Years' Labor in the Presbyterian Ministry—His Method of Thought and Work, as Stated by Himself.

"Does he write his sermons?" In the rural districts of New England, and to a lesser extent in the southern and western states of the union, there still survives a prejudice against the use of manuscripts in the pulpit.

As the world grows wiser, however, sensible members of the congregations come to realize that there is diversity of gifts, and that it is impossible to bind the ministry to any hard-and-fast rule.

Mr. Bruce also served, was quite as poorly off, in respect of church accommodation. Under Mr. Bruce's inspiring influence, however, the people set out to build a church.

Mr. Bruce's general work in St. Catharines, it is hardly necessary—or possible—to say more than is conveyed in the following address, presented by his congregation at the time of his departure, together with a handsome gold watch and other testimonials.

Address to the Rev. George Bruce, B. A. REV. AND DEAR SIR: In the feelings of true gratitude we have gathered here to bid you adieu, and to express our affectionate regards for you, and our prayer for your success in every sphere of your life.

Before the separation, now so near, is completed, we would sincerely thank you for the faithful labors which you have preached the Word ever since you came among us. While you have not failed to declare to us the whole counsel of God, you have mingled it with such earnestness of entreaty as to have better life and a more full experience of God's love and we have indeed been helped.

Such as St. John would like to own him, Rev. Mr. Bruce is not a New Brunswicker, nor even a Canadian, having been born near Aberdeen, Scotland. When he was but four years old, however, his parents came to this country, and his youth was spent in and near Toronto.

Men who hold high position in the church speak with very great appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Bruce before his

HOW TO PLAY TENNIS.

A WELL KNOWN CHAMPION TALKS NET.

A New Contest in the Governing Club in England—A United Kingdom Association Formed With Champion Renshaw President.

There is no outdoor amusement which is so popular with society people, so much participated in by ladies as well as men, as tennis. Some years ago lawn tennis clubs and courts were almost unknown in the provinces—at least clubs were unformed and courts were few.

It will be of interest to players in the provinces to learn of a departure in tennis. The All England Tennis Club has been the authority in matters relating to the game until recently, when lawn tennis association for the United Kingdom and Ireland, with Mr. Renshaw, the world's best player, president.

Edward P. MacMullen, lawn tennis club champion of New York, and who is a strong bidder for the championship of the United States, writes as follows concerning the game.

The first thing I should advise any one to do—that is, any one who feels the sacre fire within him, and who hungers and thirsts after tennis—is to join a club. Home play, of course, improves you, but not nearly so much as club play.

The way to hold the racket is very important, and can be learned by asking a good player or consulting Dr. Dwight's book. A wrong start often muddles a considerable amount of practice.

Lawn tennis is eminently a game for thought, and some who play never seem to appreciate this fact. Many persons imagine that the only thing about it is to get the ball over the net, and others, who have considerable skill, put it in exceedingly foolish places.

Another thing it would be well to remember is that the unexpected is always terrible. Very often it pays to make a stroke simply because your opponent does not expect it. Good players sometimes get in the habit of playing too much by rote, so that you can tell exactly where they are going to put the ball.

St. Louis church members have been listening to some very plain talk from Sam Jones about preachers, churches and church members. The Rev. Sam said there were more poor, old, decrepit, broken down people in the churches than anywhere else to-day.

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Death is an angel with a scythe. To us he turns a face of terror, blighting the other burns. With glory of the stars and angels see that face.

Two strong, sharp Death; One smites to dust Dear Beauty's idol and long sweet years vanish because they're His other and his strong. It lays untruth and giving Eternity by one O Liberating Death!

Strive, O my soul, to Till the heavenly face And fashioned truly to And live, not knowing.—Theodore

APOSTROPHES I tried to look rose-colored glasses of the white-painted tall steeple, where But I could not count when I came in sight, and saw how much were for it. We hit in Munson, but pappression that this or at a glance that the young minister and remembered that thpreach for them, my grown-up daughter.

One of the ladies I had insisted on giving valued servant, who considered, would r devotion, and relieve there was Rosabel amore. I could not help us I should have had hand-shake if she bedsteads to remain the cooking stove to trace. Our old fun a welcome, but the bedquilt of melancholy of the parlour connection with chin in tubs and barrels, on its back, with its disconnected turtle, idea that we had re boys that were happy as that the only way to the parlour was to climb piano placed before lady in the parish had so the duty for the how eight people w bedrooms. The pr easier by discoverin established herself in She explained her cl the one chamber that that she couldn't I wanted to assure her peculiar in her fondn then I reflected what prove if I treated her my tongue hard, an finding places, but she selected a large close been a ship, I should state-room commodio ashore one requires dimensions. It would me to sleep in the large I had always used; but that Rosabel had a for her room. My lly while I busied mys faces and hands, but for I was resolved not to any one in the parli ing Mrs. Howe's valio household.

Of course the boy sleeping four or five feet were troubled about it. Surely the parish, who flowing into a second would remember the offer to build on an ad did something that w to part with Rosabel might be if I gave her Papa was bounding which he was unappa to find my much-cast we were startled by an shouting and a door won't have such a ra through my kitchen!" We knew that Ro. in the scrimmage were running to take possi pile, across the street, our box of a house.

"Never mind, dear by the confusion. Be she will show us thro endeared her to Mrs. I "She's begun by h there will be no peac her. But don't fear discreet, and not di parish. Oh, papa, if born a minister's daugh to be managed and lo lying to throw Rosabel window and put you in sm and the view th Rosabel's voice fr vented my father from reproff I saw by his ey me.

"Tell your father the asked to tea has it pron boys are plugging mu hens. You'd better be st She gave this advice command. And father and left the barrel to tea; and I went to see doing. Rosabel told me again she was 'fairly tucked were settled. But it she was always runnin Mrs. Howe to what not do; and I was left going, put down carpet ununpack. But I did a g for I was determined to impression in the par sewing society in the youngest boys' running others, by allowing the per on the board-pile, to Rosabel's kitchen. It about her, how quiet came into possession of our house. She always her stairs, her stove; ar



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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 19.

A WORD WITH YOU, GENTLEMEN.

A word with you, Mayor CHESLEY, and with you, Chief of Police RAWLINGS.

You, Mayor CHESLEY, as chief magistrate of the city of Portland, are supposed to guard and elevate her name, watch her interests and maintain her position among Canadian towns.

These things promised, gentlemen, what have you to say to the charge—that at least two score of rum shops are open in the city of Portland every Sunday?

Can you, Capt. Rawlings, urge any defense of the fact that, last Sunday, on Bridge road, liquor was sold openly in through bar-rooms?

Have you instructions now to report Sunday liquor sellers, Capt. RAWLINGS, or in whose interests are the offenders not reported?

These are pertinent questions, Capt. RAWLINGS, to which Progress and law-abiding citizens demand an answer.

For the reputation of Portland, Mayor CHESLEY, for the credit of your native city, for the sake of the men and women you represent, for the name of the community, exercise your authority and stamp out this disgrace.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

On the 13th of June next the 14th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada will be opened in Halifax.

This season, we shall have it in full measure. Our excellent "institution," the Cricket and Athletic club, has enlarged its membership, improved its grounds and taken a contract with Fortune to make us happy.

GOOD-BYE, CAPTAIN BANKS!

That was a well-earned tribute which the Salvation army paid to Staff-Captain NELLIE BANKS, Wednesday night.

INCONSIDERATE NATURE!

If we are correctly informed, the Centennial school building has been blessed by nature and the contractor with a number of advantages which are usually denied to edifices of this sort.

At all seasons, therefore, the smile of Providence rests upon at least half the building, and His rain falls upon the whole of it, whenever it falls anywhere.

first assembly has been productive of great good. The power of any thoroughly united body must be much greater than the aggregate force of the parts of which it is composed.

The rain removes the chalk-marks from the blackboards—but it heats the blackboards as well. The sun moves half the building—but it happens to be the half that is directly over the boiler.

Is it not about time that the government filled that vacant chair in the New Brunswick university senate? When Dr. McFarlane went to the United States he vacated it by his resignation.

PLANT NEW FORESTS.

In the current number of the New York Lumber Trade Journal, Mr. EDWARD JACK writes entertainingly of Scottish forests, drawing special attention to the subject of forest preservation and planting.

Progress was the first St. John paper to call attention to the fact that it was illegal for Mr. JOHN A. CHESLEY, of Portland, to be chief magistrate of that city and a union commissioner.

It is announced that President OLIVERLAND does not expect to take his vacation until September. Then he will go to the Adirondacks for a few weeks hunting.

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The ventilator, the latest addition to the Portland police building, is a desirable improvement, but it is in the wrong place.

Progress is glad to learn that Mr. BLISS CARMAN is preparing for the press a volume of poems.

The Cincinnati Enquirer is now being edited from jail, Mr. ALLAN O. MYERS having been incarcerated for contempt of court.

The time has arrived when the citizens of Fredericton think they want a Board of Trade.

From the fact that the information contained in them has never been given to the public, should subscribe for Progress at once and have the paper sent regularly to their address.

Why is it that there are merchants in this city who will saddle their brains and go galloping all over the United States and South America in search of reciprocity?

Unfortunately, however, Mr. MARCH has thus far neglected to regulate the manner in which these gifts of Providence shall be dispensed: and rain and sun, lacking the guiding hand of the Board of School Trustees, are liable to go astray.

GET RID OF THE FOSSILS.

We congratulate the Telegraph upon the altered and cheerful tone of its editorial column this week.

Representative HOPKINS of Illinois is urging upon congress a bill providing that no convict serving a sentence for violation of federal statutes shall be required to work more than eight hours daily and that he shall be paid, semi-monthly, wages equal to those paid to the same class of free labor in the immediate locality.

The custom officers in Montreal wake up every three months and seize some hundreds of thousands worth of goods, which have been undervalued or introduced contrary to the revenue laws.

MARY WAS NO FOOL.

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SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The base ball poet of the Minneapolis Tribune thus unburies himself: "60 GAMES—BARK!"

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary,— It rains, and the wind is never weary.

Everybody should be happy next Thursday when the first game of ball will be played on the C. and A. grounds.

The Nationals have placed their work in the hands of good men, in choosing Bell for captain and Frank White for assistant.

I hear that the club sports which will be held on the afternoon of June 9, are only open to club members, but that makes no difference.

Monday was the Kentucky Derby day and Macbeth, a bay colt by Maccluff out of Angus, won the great event by a length, in 2:38 1-4.

The Sporting Life understands that the Bangor nine is the strongest amateur club in Maine. We thought so, last season.

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My friend Malaney, who covered first base for the Woodstocks, last season—and did it exceedingly well—has ideas of his own in regard to the league contest; and they are so sound that I can't resist the temptation to print them, apologizing to John for thus making use of a personal letter.

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looked as if recovering from a fall plowing. The University club have appointed next week as their great field day. Well, I wish the boys a fine day and a great crowd—but I need not add the latter; Frederickton is like every other place: it only needs a hand and a free show to empty every house in town.

The "sports" will remind many old "grabs" who read this of the days when the agile and muscular Balkan boys led the way, when Percy Gilmor jumped high and broad, when Roberts, Fenety and Jack dashed the 100 yards, when Bridges and Teed made mile and half-mile records.

A couple of months ago Rev. Fr. Powers whipped with a cane a lad named Hartigan, of Livermore, Cal., because he went to a base ball game instead of to church.

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the exhibitions. Sullivan tried to get out of his match with Mitchell, but failed. He will have no chance of trying the same game with me." It is now in order for Mr. Sullivan to let loose his mouth.

Sullivan took a beating, Wednesday night, and 3,000 people crowded into Music hall to cheer for the great John L. There was considerable talk exchanged between Sullivan, La Blanche and the colored pugilist, Godfrey, but no scrap, though Godfrey has been telling the newspapers that he was aching for one. The champion told the audience, in his usual vigorous fashion, that he and Harry Phillips are out. The Herald seems to think that he and Pat Sheehy may come together again and make an Australian tour.

Speaking about Phillips, the New York Sun prints a queer story to the effect that he is a burglar and that he organized a gang in Montreal to rob the vault of the Grand Trunk Railway company and then went abroad to escape the consequences.

One of those disgusting exhibitions known as six-days-walks ended in New York last Saturday and we are just beginning to hear the last of it through the papers.

W. G. Grace, of England, has, without doubt, the most brilliant record of any cricketer that ever lived. He has made over 50,000 runs, which means that he has run over 600 miles of ground to obtain these runs.

The Bangor Commercial tells a story of C. H. Nelson, the Waterville horseman, whom everybody knows or has heard of. There is a fine for fast driving in Waterville, and the other day Nelson swept down College street behind one of his fast ones at a rattling gallop.

The irrepresible Nelson did not wait a second, but drew out a well-filled pocket-book, and selecting a \$10 bill from it, he said: "Here, take this ten, for I'm coming down through here at a h—ll of a rate in a few minutes."

The Chicago club is said to have a chaplain, Rev. Thomas E. Green, the rector of St. Andrew's church. It would do no harm to add one to the equipment of the other nines, with the exception of Washington and Indianapolis—which are past praying for.

The New York Athletic club has unanimously decided to send a team of athletes to Europe to enter for the English contests at Crewe, and then to cross to Ireland and compete at a number of meetings there. It is also the intention of the club to have the team go to the Continent, France being the destination there.

Articles have been signed for an international bicycle race for the world's championship, best three in five days, between Miss Jessie Oakes, English champion female bicyclist, and Miss Elsie Von Blum, American champion, of Rochester, N. Y.

Wouldn't you like to be there? Apropos of the Sporting Life note to the effect that a Cleveland man has invented an appliance by which a ball can be given any curve by an inexperienced player, the Rochester Herald remarks:—"A Rochester newspaper man has already patented a contrivance by which the biggest muffer in the profession can catch all the balls that come anywhere near him, and all that is wanting now is the man with an invention by which players who now strike out, gain a ball, pitched with the aid of the curve, whenever or wherever they desire. Then anybody can play ball well, and all this trouble about princely salaries demanded by the Clarksons and Kellys will be obviated, for they will be no better than any other player."

A Mule and a Hen were looking over a fence at a ball game. "I'd like to take a hand in that game myself," remarked the Mule. "The only part you could play in it," retorted the Hen, "would be the kicking." "And all you would be able to do," returned the Mule, "would be to set on the grand stand and cackle." Moral—Spectators at a ball game often think they could play a certain position on the diamond better than the man who is hired for the purpose.—Sporting Life.

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