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The National Policy.

The whole press of grit and snarl, shag dolefully as the frogs in the puddle anticipating the deluge, over the tardiness of prosperity and the slowness of producing the National Policy. But these grit newspapers, some of them hoary with experience, should know that National Policy is a wide term, embracing the relations which tariff bears to every department of industry in the nation. It is not as if attention were to be directed merely to one branch, but it is a close investigation into the secret springs and working of the whole, and the construction of such a policy as will best stimulate and give life to those natural elements.

Mr. Tilly has taken the only way to come to a precise knowledge of the acquisitions of our industrial branches. He has summoned delegations, representing the intelligence of lumber operatives, agriculturists, manufacturers, miners, &c., from all parts of the Dominion. He has spent week after week in conclave with them, and he sits down to construct his tariff, skilled in the necessary knowledge of these branches. If he is able to bring down his Budget speech in two weeks, he will have done wonders, and knowing what time and pains he has been at, we are surprised at the croaking of the Grits.

But when the tariff Budget will be brought down, we may rest assured that the products of our country it will shield from destructive competition. But some would say, They if American articles could hold possession of Canadian markets because they may be bought cheaper, where then is the good of protection? This is an incorrect view. America is a giant compared to the Dominion of Canada. As well might Holland take up arms against the British empire, as Canada try to compete against her huge neighbor on the border. And this is true with free trade all round; but when, as is the case, America builds up a Chinese wall to protect her industries, greater still is the necessity for us to follow suit. It is absurd for us to try to ape what England is doing, even if her Free Trade policy were not bringing her fast to the brink of national bankruptcy.

Let us appeal to common sense for a plain case. Suppose a man has a certain amount of capital in a new country with a thriving population. But the city in which he lives is stocked with stores containing say foreign iron wares, selling at the lowest prices. Now he will hesitate to start a foundry, because the market is already monopolized, because he will have to struggle against an established trade. Now supposing our manufactures were protected, such manufactory would spring up, and even though the wares were slightly at a higher price than foreign goods, it would be more than offset by the employment given to our workmen, by the wealth accumulating at home. For every million dollars worth of property in a county makes the county a million dollars richer. It was this that built up the British Empire. Her cutlery at Sheffield, her clothing wares at Manchester, her tin and iron works in Cornwall and the West in full blast, at a time when competition from abroad was not; it was all these that gave prestige to her, for they gave her wealth; this made her ships master of the seas, her soldiers the conquerors of empires. But now new rivalries are sprung into existence. Her wares are no longer the nonpariel. While other nations protect theirs, she leaves hers to be outsold in her own markets while a wall is put up against her exports.

What is true of England is true of us. What we want is our enterprises protected and such articles as we can't produce admitted free. The latter will offset what our exports to neighboring countries will be.

The poor "News."

It is said that the coyote of the prairie will scent a feast for many a mile, but its scent is not a whit keener, though probably more correct, than the News who afar off scents the battle in the Government ranks and the spoils that are to follow. Dr. Vail is to lead off for the speakership backed up by a large number of admiring M.P.P.'s, and Mr. B. R. Stevenson is to be his opponent. In any case the Government is to go square under, — if Vail win, the Stevenson following, join the Opposition; if the other win, Vail and his henchmen drop back and accept the leadership of a Willis, a Covert, a Blair, or a Ritchie, or it may be of the whole together. And let us just say here that this would be the best way for these men, either in Opposition or in the Government. They could manage by giving the leadership to Mr. Blair one week, to Mr. Covert another, to Monsieur Willis another, and to Mr. Ritchie another. This would answer as well if they were in the Government, and they might toss up for the nominal part of it.

From the way things look now the Government is tottering on the verge of a mighty pit of Mr. Willis' digging. Yes, fighting manfully with trenchant pen and bumper oration for the last number of years—when only his trumpet was heard throughout the Province,—he has at last placed a petard under Frazer, Adams, Wedderburn, Landry, and Hon. Mr. Perley, innocent old soul that will beyond question hoist—himself.

The Opposition.

The Government should not only count their own strength, but the force of the enemy. There are, they know, many on the fence, waiting to see which way the wind blows the straw, ready to tumble down, head first—on the soft place.

Our friend Blair will weigh them down like a millstone. "He will go for them" right and left. He is a veteran, an old Castilian, who can't be induced to betray his colors. He has fought so many battles, that strategy is his policy now, we presume. There is Thompson, the bravest of the van who will fight to the bitter end, even when there is no enemy in front. He will make the arrow quiver in the bow, whether he shoot the mark or not. Thompson has facts and figures, although they both lie betimes, yet he has them, and they will fascinate the unsophisticated.

There is Covert, a staid old horse who is yet good for the road. He will play his part. Take care.

But above all and beyond all comes the celebrated Atlas of the age who has been carrying N. B., on his back for a number of years—the Hon. Mr. Willis. If some kind friend would relieve him of this incubus how happy he would be! He can't, however, rest contented as long as one spot remains on the sun of our existence. Talk of changing sides—these are honorable precedents—Paul changed, Gladstone changed, every man changed of whom we have any knowledge, but the Hon. Mr. Willis. He never changed, because his rule was *ab initio*, to be always on the sunny side of everything.

Such is the opposition that is to meet to-day to decide our destinies for the year. Happy people we are to be governed by such wise men.

Disgraceful.

We blush this distance from the scene, to read of the beastly conduct of some of our "honorable plebeians," at the late *fete* at Rideau Hall. During the evening, a number of young men are said to have installed themselves in a room, called for liquor in galore, and not stopped till they fell in a state of beastly intoxication on the floor. The comptroller of the household, it is said, found a number of M.P.'s vomiting behind the doors. To one he said, taking him by the neck, "Oh, you beast," and gave him in charge of the guard. A western Senator inflamed with wine seized and pressed the hand of the Princess, that she was obliged to call on the guard and say, "Take that man away." This is nothing short of disgusting,—it is if true, absolutely disgraceful to our country. If beasts in human shape can't drink without brutalizing

themselves, they should stay home from these places; indeed we think it as gross a piece of impertinence for some of these clowns to accept these invitations, as it is absurd to invite them. Royalty and title, and all that sort of thing, are nothing better than we unless we debase ourselves. The brute who can't spend an evening at such a place without getting drunk, shows his bestial plebeianism. We endorse what a minister said on it a night or two ago in Ottawa. He said:—

"If I ever went to Rideau Hall I would go as a gentleman and come home as a gentleman. I would keep intact the English gentleman, and not act the heathen Chinese. I would go as a wise man, and not come home as a fool. I would go clothed in the dignity of manhood and would return home without having the course of my manhood sullied."

It is a disgraceful affair.

Not Moving Yet.

There is a certain class of men in this world invested with a little "brief authority" who are so conceited of the positions they hold, that a suggestion made them by anybody outside of themselves is treated with the same respect as did the "clown king" the suggestion of the philosopher, which he was after obliged to accept to save his empire. Now we offered a suggestion to our City Council, which on a requisition of three Aldermen might have been acted upon, viz:—to call a meeting promptly, for the making of a certain order.

This the Council has not thought well to act upon as yet, for what reason we do not know. If it lose this opportunity we do not see how it can very well in the future urge the question. Yet the time will come, if the present opportunity be lost, when at the expense of a delegation, more than likely, the Government of Ottawa will be treated with on a question that now could be intelligently submitted without cost. The italics are to call attention to the points that at a future day may come up.

We think the meeting should be called,—it would not kill much precious time to talk over the matter while it would not detract the least mite from the reputation for intelligence and ability of the Council to act upon a suggestion which, through some means, did not happen to grow out of their own heads.

How Is It?

Not a mail arrives that we do not receive some complaint from subscribers that their papers do not reach them. Sometimes papers mailed in this office do not reach their destination till they have gone to two or three offices beyond the proper one, and spent two or three weeks kicking about. In other cases they never reach the parties to whom sent. We cannot perhaps attribute this to our city post office, though it is our opinion that letters for Lower Queensbury, are often put in the Upper Queensbury bag and *vice versa*. The same is true of Kingsclear, Dumfries, and the other Parishes. It is mainly due no doubt to the confused nomenclature of offices. Thus it is often impossible to distinguish one office from another in the same parish. The Government should devise some means to avoid this confusion. Let an official number say be given each office in each parish and official notice of the same be publicly posted. We want some departure from the present confusion, which is as annoying to us as to subscribers, and quite intolerable.

They are having a revolution in the Truro Normal School, and it appears a much needed one. A teacher of English, named Christie, has proved unequal to his duties, and 68 of the students have petitioned Dr. Allison to have him removed. The time for similar action may soon arrive in this city, and perhaps if it were made at once, it were not any too soon.

The *Telegraph* is mild as a sucking dove on politics. After the House meets and parties are defined his colors then will be hoisted. What a blessing to have such a paper as the *Telegraph*, such a politician as its editor.

A number of our M. P.'s have this term decided to escape the turmoil of hotels, and taken up their abode in private lodgings.

New Advertisements.

JOHN C. FERGUSON,
 GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
 NO. 30 SOUTH MARKET WHARF,
 St. John, N. B.

Wholesale Grocer and Dealer in
 Flour, Dry and Pickled Fish,
 Provisions, Kerosene Oils,
 and Ships' Stores.

Agent for the sale of Western Canadian, P. E. Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick Produce. Consignments of every description respectfully solicited and Prompt returns guaranteed. P. O. Box 703. Fton, Feb. 25.—1f.

DWELLING TO LET.

TO LET from the first day of May next, half of the sub-division dwelling house, fronting on Regent Street, at present occupied by Mr. P. S. Neilson. The dwelling throughout is finished in first class style. It is heated by a wood furnace, and contains eight rooms, kitchen, pantry, and three closets, also a FROST PROOF CELLAR. Good well of water, and out buildings attached.
 JAMES PEPPERS.
 Fton, Feb. 25th. 2w

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received by this Department at Ottawa, up to the 15th March next, for the construction, conveyance, and placing in position of a Boiler for the Fog Alarm at Cape Enrage, in the Bay of Fundy, in the Province of New Brunswick. Specifications can be seen, and Forms of Tender procured by intending contractors, at the Agency of this Department at St. John, N. B. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tenders for Cape Enrage Fog Alarm Boiler."
 W. M. SMITH,
 Deputy Minister of Marine, &c.
 Department of Marine, } feb 20
 Ottawa, Feb. 1, 1879.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Through Pullman Cars.
 On and after MONDAY, the 3rd February, PULLMAN CARS will run to Montreal without change.

They will leave Halifax on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, and St. John on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.
 C. J. BRYDGES,
 Gen. Sup't Gov't Railways
 Moncton, N. B., January 31st, 1879

TO RENT.

THE subscriber will let to the first of May next, his house, corner of Church and George Streets, furnished or unfurnished. Possession given immediately if required. Enquire of the advertiser from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M., or to G. H. Lugin.
 J. L. BEVERLY.
 Fton, Dec. 12

TO LET.

THREE STORES now being finished in the subscribers building. Possession given on or before the first day of May next.
 OWAN SHARKEY.
 Fredericton, Feb. 4—1f

TO LET.

A HOUSE owned by the subscriber, situated on St. John Street, suitable for a small family. There is a good well of water on the premises, also a garden attached. Possession given on the 1st of May next. The house and premises can be seen at any time.
 Mrs. JOHN McCLOSKEY.
 Feb. 11, 1879.—1f

TO LET.

THAT handsome and commodious new house on the corner King and York Streets, now occupied by Mrs. Pickard. Suitable for Boarding House. Possession given 1st May. Apply to
 J. EDJECOMBE, & SONS,
 11th Feb. 1879.—1f

TO BE RENTED.

THE store at present occupied by EDWIN STORY. Possession given on the first of May next. Apply to
 P. McPEAKE.
 Feb. 11th 1879.

TO LET.

THAT beautiful and new house on King Street, now occupied by F. B. Coleman. Possession given 1st of May.
 For particulars apply to J. Edjcombe & Sons,
 Fredericton, Feb. 6th.—1f

NOTICE.

ALL who are indebted to the subscriber for over six months, either by note or account, will please settle immediately and save cost.
 OWEN SHARKEY.
 Fredericton, Feb. 4—1f

10 Bales GRAIN BAGS

For Sale Low by the Bale.
 P. McPEAKE.

TRUSTEES NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE T. SCULLY and CHARLES E. COLLINS, of Fredericton, lately carrying on business as Merchant Tailors, under the name, style and firm of SCULLY & COLLINS, have this day made an assignment in trust to me, for the benefit of their creditors.

The Trust Deed now lies at the office of the Solicitors, Messrs. RAINSFORD & BLACK, for signature, where creditors are requested to call and sign the same without delay.

All persons indebted to the firm of SCULLY & COLLINS, will please make immediate payment to me at the store lately occupied by them.
 Dated this 8th day of February, 1879.
 RAINSFORD & BLACK,
 Solicitors.
 A. A. MILLER,
 Trustee.
 Feb. 18, 1879.—1f.

FRENCH KID GLOVES.

REAL FRENCH KID GLOVES,
 —IN—
 Black, Dark, Medium and Evening Shades,
 Best value ever offered in the City.
 EVERY PAIR WARRANTED.
SIMON NEALIS.

FOR MEN AND BOYS.

A SPLENDID LOT OF
 CANADIAN TWEEDS,
 ALL WOOL,
 Selling at 56 cents per yard.
GOOD VALUE FOR 5 CENTS.
 Call and be suited.
SIMON NEALIS.

BUTTRICKS PATTERNS.

BUTTRICKS reliable patterns of Garments, for Ladies, Misses, Girls, Boys and Children of every age and size. Always give satisfaction—no misfits. Directions for cutting, making up and trimming go with each pattern. Try them. Buttericks Patterns and Publications sent to any address post-paid, on receipt of published price. Sent in your order to
SIMON NEALIS,
 Fredericton, N. B.
 Feb. 6, 1879.—1f.

COY'S BLOCK, NO. 1.

GEO. H. DAVIS,
DRUGGIST,
 Cor. Queen & Regent Streets,
 Has in Stock the best assortment of
DRUGS, MEDICINES,
 Patent Medicines,
 Perfumery, Soaps
 TOILET & FANCY ARTICLES
 TO BE FOUND IN THE CITY.
HAVANA CIGARS!
A SPECIALITY.
NO. 1, COY'S BLOCK
GEO. H. DAVIS,
 Cor. Queen & Regent Streets

JOHN WOOD & CO.

Commission Merchants,
 DEALERS IN
 GROCERIES,
 PROVISIONS,
 STATIONARY
 and Novelties of all kinds.
 The highest price paid for Country Produce.
 UNDER BRAYLEY HOUSE,
QUEEN STREET,
FREDERICTON, N. B.
 Foreign and Domestic Fruits always on hand.

T. E. FOSTER,

MASON, BRICKLAYER,
 AND PLASTERER,
 Mastic and Stucco Worker,
 All kinds of color washing executed in the best manner and on reasonable terms. Jobbing punctually attended to. Fancy Plain and Ornamental Plastering. Residence, Corner of St. John and Charlotte Streets.
 Oct. 31, 1878.—3mos.

NEW FOR SALE.

100 BARRELS White Potatoes;
 100 Bbls. White Turnips;
 50 bbls No. 1 Apples;
 10 Hubs, Choice 3 classes;
 3 " No. 1 Soc ch Sugar;
 10 Barrels Ex. C. Sugar;
 10 " Granulate Sugar;
 10 " No. 1, American Balwins.
 For sale at
JOHN OWENS,
 Queen Street, Fton.
 Fton, Nov. 23—3mos.

J. F. McMANUS,

Barrister & Attorney At-Law,
 SOLICITOR, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
 HAS OPENED HIS OFFICE IN
McManus' Building,
REGENT STREET.
 All business in his profession promptly attended to.
J. F. McMANUS,
 Barrister, &c., Regent Street

NOT GONE YET!

WE have concluded to remain, and are making preparations to manufacture Soap for the million. Give us peace and clean linen. Have a few boxes of SOAP on hand at our New Soap Works, West End, Queen street, (opposite Simmons' Tannery).
NIXON & SON.
 dec 3 tr.

COAL VASES, COAL HODS

JUST RECEIVED.
 6 COAL Vases, (Fancy)
 2 doz. Galvanized Coal Hods.
 2 " Cast Iron
 4 " Cast Iron Coal Shovels.
 2 " Wrought
 2 doz. Galvanized "
 10 Sets Fire Irons,
 12 Bedroom Sets, do. do.
 1 doz. Fire Iron Stands,
 1 " Blower Holders,
 For sale low by
JAMES S. NEILL.
 Fton, Nov. 12—2 mos. Rep.

READY-MADE CLOTHING

AT
HALF PRICE.
 3 mos.
WANTED 3,000 CUSTOMERS TO BUY
FOR \$5.00 EACH,
CHEAP DRY GOODS
 —AND—
CLOTHING,

RECEIVED

PER LATE STEAMERS,
NEW FALL & WINTER GOODS
 IN
 Blankets, Flannels,
 Wool Shawls, Winceys,
 Ladies' Dress Materials,
 Ladies' Cloths, in all the newest makes,
 Ladies Sacks, latest styles;
 Ladies' Ulsters:
 Lyons Black Silks;
 Lyons Black Silk Velvets,
 Velvetteens;
 Table Damasks and Napkins;
 and a full assortment of seasonable goods
 I import my goods direct and cannot be undersold by any House in the trade.
JOHN McDONALD,

CARD.

THE subscriber is now prepared to attend to all his old customers, and has plenty for new ones in his new and well stocked store, Queen Street.
 His stock consists of Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, Meats, Flour, Meal, Apples, &c. Always on hand Geese, Turkeys, etc., dry, plucked and every Wild Fowl in Feathers, Geese, Pigs, Salt, &c.
M. MORAN,
 Street, Opp. Stone Barracks,
 1879.—1f

PUT THEM DOWN!

"Down, Down they go" in every Department.

WE CANNOT PARTICULARIZE

"Slaughter Prices" prevail.

\$70,000 Worth Carpets,

Cloths,
 Silks,
 Woollens,
 Velvets,
 Cottons, &c.

AT ONCE.

P. McPEAKE,

CLOTHING STORE

combe's Building, DRY GOODS

STORE, Wilmot's Block.

Ready-Made CLOTHING

AT

HALF PRICE.

3 mos.

WANTED 3,000 CUSTOMERS TO BUY

FOR \$5.00 EACH,

CHEAP DRY GOODS

—AND—

CLOTHING,

THE subscriber wishing to reduce his stock before moving into his New Building, will sell the goods now on hand, comprising in part

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods
 Cloths, Tweeds, Men's and Boys,
 Overcoats, Reefers, Hats,
 Caps, Tent Vests, Shirts,
 Drawers, Ladies' and
 Gents' Kid Mitts and
 Gloves, Also,
 Hemp Carpets,
 Floor Oil Cloths, Trunks, Valises,
 and almost every description of goods
 generally found in a Dry Goods or
 Clothing Store, all or any portion of
 which will be sold at prices to suit the
 times.
OWEN SHARKEY.
 Jan. 28, 1879.—3 mos.

Legislative Council Chamber.

FREDERICTON, FEBRUARY 27, 1879. This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the members of the House of Assembly, who being come His Honor was pleased to open the Session with the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

It is with great pleasure I meet you for the first time as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

You have already heard with profound sorrow of the great affliction which has befallen Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in the bereavement which she has sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt.

How deservingly the Princess had endeared herself to Her Royal Mother, and to the nation, has become matter of universal comment. In no portion of the Empire sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt.

The arrival in Canada of Her Royal Highness the Princess, the illustrious Consort of His Excellency the Governor General, has afforded the people of Canada another opportunity, which they have heartily embraced to manifest in a marked manner their loyal devotion to the Person and Throne of Her Majesty the Queen, and their love for the Members of the Royal Family.

Immediately upon the arrival at Ottawa of His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness, I transmitted an invitation to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness to visit New Brunswick, which they have heartily embraced to manifest in a marked manner their loyal devotion to the Person and Throne of Her Majesty the Queen, and their love for the Members of the Royal Family.

Notwithstanding the severe depression which so seriously affects the commercial interests of the Province at the present time, we are happy in believing with Your Honor that the general condition of the Province at large is such as to call for expressions of satisfaction to inspire our hearts with thankfulness, while we join in the hope that the prevalent commercial depression may soon be materially alleviated.

We think that, notwithstanding the circumstances which operated against the recent Provincial Exhibition, it may be fairly affirmed that the Exhibition was satisfactorily successful. We shall consider the detailed report on the subject when submitted to us.

We approve of the recent importation of a number of pure bred, Leicester Sheep, and are glad to learn that they were highly commended by the best judges in such matters. We shall consider the detailed statement on this subject, also, when laid before us.

We are pleased to learn that the Seed Wheat imported by the Government last Spring was very generally distributed over various sections of the Province, and that so far as Your Honor is informed the results have justified the expenditure in that behalf.

We are glad to hear, also, that in view of the intelligent consideration which we recently directed to the subject of the cultivation of Sugar Beet in different parts of the World, and with a view to encourage and facilitate a fair trial of so interesting an experiment as the culture of Sugar Beet in this Province, the Government has ordered the importation of a quantity of pure and reliable seed, and that due notice will be given upon its arrival. We join Your Honor in the hope that the cultivation of Sugar Beet in this Province may prove successful and remunerative.

We thank you for your announcement that the Plans for new Legislative Buildings in Fredericton will be duly laid before us.

We are pleased to learn, also, that the claims of the Government upon the Government of Canada have again received the earnest consideration of Your Council, and we do earnestly trust that the pending negotiations may terminate at an early day in the adjustment of all matters in difference in the premises, and in the adoption of such measures by the Federal Government as shall secure justice to this Province.

We will give your attention to the consideration of the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Province, by vesting the powers of Legislation in one Legislative Chamber, subject nevertheless to the rights of the Crown, and under such provisions as may be deemed expedient in the interests of the People.

We will carefully weigh any proposed changes in the Constitution and Procedure of the Supreme Court which may be submitted to us, by which Justice may be more easily and expeditiously attained than at present, and with less expense to the public.

The Measures relating to Inspection and Inspectorial Districts, under the Common Schools Act, to the Free Grants Act, to Trespasses upon Crown Lands, and to other important matters which may be laid before us, will receive our most careful attention.

We thank Your Honor for directing that the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditures for the past year, and a Detailed Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year, and the Estimates for the ensuing year, be laid before us.

We join in the prayer that we may be guided by Wisdom from on High, and assure Your Honor that in all our deliberations we shall be influenced by a desire to reach by our Legislation wise and salutary results, and thereby promote the welfare of the People.

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Communications.

(For the Star.)

DEAR SIR—We are glad you devote a portion of your paper to the farm, garden and Household. I have often heard or read of a school master that used to tell his boys, "boys, either learn something or teach something." It appears to me this is a very good motto, and each one of us ought to be striving to emulate it. Here, in New Brunswick, we have more land than money, are in a great measure depending upon mother earth for our sustenance. Now the winter is passing away, and spring drawing near, we often find ourselves in the position of those Israelites who longed for the onions and cucumbers, and flesh pots of Egypt. For animal nature, like the cattle when turned out in spring, are looking for a bite of something green, after the long winter. Well, we will strive to bring those savory, cucumbers, &c., a little nearer to our mouths by a little thought and industry, or artificial means—by preparing a hot-bed or so, according to the amount of produce required. Our past experience teaches us that nothing is gained by starting hot-beds before 1st of April, in Fredericton, or the first week for starting cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, early cabbage, cauliflower, &c. The first thing we want is a load or two of good fermenting horse manure, (if it be a little cow manure, through it, all the better.) I find from an experience, it retains the heat longer. When you have secured this, have it put in some sheltered position, dry, and where you have determined to have your beds sheltered from the north and not westerly winds. Have your manure

put in a conical heap for a week, then turn it over in a nice heap for another four days. It is ready now to make your bed. Measure by the size of your frame; build it square, 8 or 10 inches larger than the frame all round. If you build on the surface, as you proceed, beat it with your fork, this is better than tramping it with the foot. It should be 2 feet front, 2-2 back; tilt your lights up at back an inch or so, to let off the steam for a few days. After it has regulated itself a little, sow your seed, either in boxes, or cover the bed with 6 or 8 inches of nice light earth, the surface especially fine, and small drills 2 inches apart. Give air as the weather permits; tilt the lights up at back, keep them well covered at night; we generally use spruce branches, as we have them plentiful here in Fredericton, and in all parts of New Brunswick. It will be also a good plan to lay some round the manure, as we have sometimes very cold nights in April. It will be a good time now to secure some good strong stakes for tomatoes. Now, to those that grow them, they should be 4 feet long. Use very strong ones, or you will have the pleasure of tying them up three or four times during the season. Every garden or family should have beds of herbs, they are always looked for in the fall, such as thyme, sage, mint, balm, parsley, &c.

Fredericton, Feb. 27, 1879.

St. John Notes.

An eminently successful concert, given by the ladies and gentlemen composing the Cathedral choir, closed the Institute Lecture Course on Monday night.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The talent of St. Aloysius's Association, (Portland) assisted by outside friends, gave a charmingly pleasant entertainment on Wednesday evening of last week. The audience was one of the largest ever enclosed in the roomy St. Peter's Hall, this of itself attesting the popularity of the general public. The farce of "New Brooms Sweep Clean," began the performance, all those taking part giving, as a rule, very true representations, not only of the brooms, or those who use brooms, but of the characters assumed. One of the funny features of this piece was the introduction of a Chinaman, Mr. John McCarthy appearing in that role. The dialect of Ah Sin was well imitated. The estimate, too, was most appropriate, the wearer lacking every inch a heathen. In fact he was some inches too much of the Chinaman, as that individual rarely attains—unlike the actor—the height of six feet. However, brevity may not in this case be the soul of wit. Selections by the society's orchestra filled the piece that followed the closing of part first, and then began the musical portion of the programme. A full chorus sang "The Harp," pausing well. Then came Mrs. Hugh Nealis, in a sparkling melody which was well received, and what was deemed excellent rendered. A reading, which no doubt the printer omitted to punctuate, was given by W. J. Mahoney. The audience were much moved—not in the direction of the door—by Mr. Hugh Campbell's fine singing of a pathetic ballad, which preceded songs by Miss Lynch, Mr. T. Daley, Miss Lizzie Morgan, Miss Colahan, and the two latter being particularly worthy—piano solo, by Miss McMullin, and a pretty regimental duet, by Messrs. Jacques and Harrigan, in uniform. Messrs. D. J. D. herty and J. Berry next appeared, not to take off any character, but to take off the piano which was no longer needed. They were no encumbered. Graceful club swinging by Mr. John McGoldrick, although by many considered inopportune, received liberal applause, and concluded a very acceptable olio. "A Sea of Troubles,"—farce—the remaining attraction. Mr. P. F. Tighe created—created, for it was made from nothing, with the exception of his "make-up"—much mirth by his acting in this piece. Mr. J. H. McHugh and Mr. C. A. Powers appeared to good advantage. They did not appear to have the advantage of their parts as young men, and parts were apparently well acquainted. Much respect was evinced that Mr. Hugh did not appear in his original sketch, entitled "Boat Hire," which has won for him so much deserved notoriety.

MARRIAGES.—The extremely small number of marriages that have of late been celebrated here, furnishes important matter for reflection and comment. The average weekly number of such ceremonies rarely exceeds three, and enquiry reveals the fact that a week has sometimes passed with the formation of a single union. Should this state of affairs continue instead of our young men going West, it will be—f forbid it Heaven,—our girls. There is a reason for this, which as may be generally applicable, I will endeavour to give. The true cause, I believe, is not found in the depression of the times, but, odd as it may appear, in the too freely and too frequent mingling of the sexes. Young women forsake the joys of home for the pleasures of the street, the dance, the social party, the lodge and the numerous other places where they come in contact with the not to them, sterner sex. St. John girls who spend their evenings at home are, like girls who are ignorant of the fashions, very scarce. They are everywhere and principally, where some cause is nowhere, in the young man's mind. The good old fashioned mode of courting in the back parlor which always meant business (for the clergyman) has been discarded with bad results. When perhaps too late, girls begin to see that they themselves are blamed for not

holding more aloof from the society of their opposite. Eventually the young man marries, but strange to say, not among those who have been his almost constant companions. Familiarity in their case almost breeds forgetfulness. The seeker after a wife looks around for some gentle, quiet girl who has not allowed herself to merge into what may perhaps not wrongly be called the whirl of dissipation. Failing, mayhap to find one such, he, as so many of our young men do and have done, goes from home to win the future sharer of his joys and sorrows. Confiding women may find in this brief statement of facts, some clue to their being often set aside by those on whom, by companionship, they had imagined they possessed claims.

MAUDE. St. John, N. B., Feb. 26, 1879.

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