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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, 12th JULY, 1878.

MACKENZIE'S ADMINISTRATION.

The *Witness* is much exercised anent the South Greenville nomination of Mr. Dumbville, conservative, whom it supports in preference to Mr. Wiser, a grit whiskey distiller, and editorially on 28th ult. it says: "the chief defect of the Mackenzie Administration seems to be the fact that already by far too many of its supporters are more or less supporters of the liquor traffic, and we decidedly object to assist in adding another distiller to the number." The city Junior Reform Club had better take warning before it is too late—Perry's headquarters is too near Tansley Hall.

POLITICAL CAUSE AND EFFECT.

It is freely stated in the city that the fishing excursion trip of the Dominion Premier to the lower St. Lawrence last week was simply a blind to warrant an excuse for "crak'in a woo" with the Provincial Premier and the Governor of Quebec. The consultation seems to have been satisfactory and we noticed that the Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE had also been provided with a seat of honor on the floor of the Quebec assembly. Before leaving he was understood to have expressed himself as being highly satisfied with the results of the past three months policy and training in Quebec, and also considered that the Hon. Mr. Joly was an admirable instructor under the Dominion Rouge Board of Education. The Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE was, it is perhaps superfluous to say, accompanied on the above occasion by Mr. Stewart, the Herald and Secretary of the above Board for the District of Montreal.

COLUMBIA AND CANADA CLASP HANDS.

The American Eagle and the British Lion have come to terms. It was a heated term and both tried to keep as cool as possible under the circumstances. The Lion had the lion's share of the Eagle's attention, and the Lion bravely met the *file* in store for him. The Monarch honored the Eagle's bill at sight. It was a beaker of the most stimulating character, and both grew intoxicated with delight in the most kindly way—on temperance principles. They toasted each other, but omitted all reference to *quail* with which toast is so often associated. Take it altogether, it was a glow-rious Fourth. The British Lion had a roaring time, while the Bird of Freedom was in high feather. Let us drop metaphor and proceed to business; but we must not forget to add that though the Eagle ranks first among birds, the success of the Celebration at St. Albans was, in no small degree, due to the ability of the Martin. The Sixth Fusiliers have immortalized themselves; their name has passed into History as the pioneers of a new departure. But although armed, they were harmless, and in the capture of the picturesque town of St. Albans, History will not forget to mention how they, with becoming gallantry, placed their arms at the service of Vermont's fair daughters and how the ladies got a firm hold of them—and kept it. Possession being nine points of the law the "Green Mountain Boys" promised to return the compliment as soon as possible. And thus, surrounded by beauty, brotherly love and everything that contributes to make one feel there is something more desirable in life than mere political intrigue and money getting, the scarlet and the grey, mingled together as brothers in the great family of universal relationship. Comparisons are always odious, but if we may be permitted to venture the opinion, there was only one kind of unhappy man present on that occasion, and it must have been the married men of the Sixth Fusiliers. For who could witness the attentions of those fair ladies of St. Albans without feeling that the only thing necessary to complete the success of the day's festivities was the presence of a license and a minister to bind into closer relationship the ties of affection! And what can we say of the boundless hospitality extended to our Montreal boys? It passes description or imagination. It could only be *felt*, for language cannot express it. The nearest estimate that can be formed of the scale on which it was discharged is in stating the fact that the subscriptions donated for this purpose by the St. Albans' people averaged fifty cents for every man, woman and child of its population! Under such circumstances we cannot give especial prominence to any individual in connection with that memorable occasion, for we feel persuaded that the humblest citizen of that pretty little town did his part to the best of his ability to prove his regard for the people of a mighty Empire blessed by the sway of that great, pure minded Lady, Victoria! Such a demonstration as we had the honor to participate in was the spon-

taneous outburst of a loyal people who strained every nerve to make their 103rd Anniversary of Independence a glorious reality. To say that the Sixth Fusiliers behaved themselves as gentlemen, worthy of their reputation as representative Canadian Volunteers, is *not* a compliment. No right-minded soldier would have done otherwise. It was the most natural thing to do, and their comrades of other regiments will feel glad to know that they succeeded so well. Henceforth let us believe

The Canadian Beaver has dammed up the past,
A new order of things is established at last;
May the Stars and the Stripes, a great nation's pride
With the old Union Jack long float side by side!
Proclaim to the World the new Declaration
Of Friendship and Love between each mighty nation;
Whose sons ever loyal in the true cause of Right;
Whose daughters with glee in rejoicing unite.
Let the hills of Vermont take up the glad sound,
Swift heralds proclaim it on Canada's ground.
Let our valleys and lakes continue the strain;
Let the zephyrs repeat it o'er mountain and plain,
Till the North and the South, and the East and the West
Shall share the same feeling in each gladsome breast:
St. Albans rejoicing with great Montreal
Clasping hands in affection respond to the call;
While the nations look on at the glorious scene
Shout "Long live the President!" "God save the Queen!"
Let War be no more, let strife ever cease
While bright winged hosts proclaim "on Earth, PEACE!"

NOTICE.

The Province of Quebec begs to notify the world in general that it has opened an office where it can supply witnesses to swear anything. Black made white on the shortest possible notice. Also, it possesses unrivalled facilities for bungling things generally and contains a larger number of would-be Legislators than any other community in the world. Terms easy and notoriety guaranteed.

SACRIFICED TO GREATNESS.—The party Press, in reporting the Quebec Parliament invariably credit their chief debaters for always winding up with a "brilliant peroration." While the rank and file, orators by the half hour, have to be content if only their names are even mentioned in the daily telegraph reports "from our special correspondent."

INTERESTING TO VOLUNTEERS.

The following correspondence will, in view of the festivities at St. Albans on the 4th July be read with much interest by our Volunteers. It is the natural outgrowth of International courtesy. It is scarcely necessary to state how the letters come into our possession. Read them.

FROM HIM TO HER.

Montreal, July 6th 1878.

DEAR BESSIE.—You will excuse me calling you Bessie but you said I might, you know. We arrived home safely and the boys are gone clean crazy over the St. Albans' girls. All the way home they never talked about anything else, and the Montreal girls are that jealous there's no putting up with them. As I said to a young lady friend of mine—only a very near cousin and over thirty, nothing to me, of course,—what is the use of opportunities if you dont improve them? None whatever. Well, I must confess that this state of morbid abstraction is getting serious. It was only the other night when I was drilling the Company that I had your image in my mind, and the thought of you led me to say "Right turn, Bessie," at which all the boys burst out laughing. The doctor says I need change; that a visit to St. Albans would do me a world of good. That doctor is a most sensible man. I scarcely know how to address you, this is the sixth letter I have tried to write but I dont know how to express my feelings in the way I should like. Mother says I needs tonics and she actually went so far as to say I had lost my heart. Exchange is no robbery, but there must be something wrong when a fellow can't eat. But Summers, in my Company, has got the same complaint. He has taken to writing verses and he gave me a specimen of his work as a poet. Here it is:

Ye maids of St. Albans, America's bonst,
Of all of Eve's daughters I love you the most,
Your eyes shine as stars in the heavenly sky;
Your cheeks are like peaches and as sweet as your pie.

But Summers is engaged and I took the poem away because there would have been trouble had his girl seen it. She would have made a bald-headed warrior of him in no time. It is really singular how he and I are similarly afflicted. He says he dont sleep nights—more do I. He cant eat. Neither can I. He sings the most love stricken songs you ever heard and is continually talking in his sleep. That's just my complaint, but with a good constitution we might recover, though the boys say we're pretty far gone. Nearly the whole Company has got similar symptoms. I wonder if they make any reduction on postage stamps wholesale, because I'm inclined to think that soldier's letters ought to go free. I still have your tin type and when I look at it, it does me more good than a dose of medicine. Mother says I'm

in love; sister says I'm in love, every body says I'm in love—they say they can tell it by the size of my sigh—and I'm considerable on the sigh since I left St. Albans, but of course people will say anything. But what is *your* opinion? If you think so, too, it wouldn't be a bad idea to frame a Reciprocity Treaty and put the thing through—that is, if you are willing. If you are not willing prepare to behold a military corpse sacrificed upon the altar of International Affection. Please Bessie end my suspense and restore my appetite.

Yours very truly

CHARLES,
Sergt. 6th Fusiliers.

FROM HER TO HIM.

St. Albans, Vt., July 10th 1878.

DEAR FRIEND.—I would call you "Charles" but Ma says it is too familiar on so short an acquaintance, but I like the name of Charles. Charles I think its *real nice*. Ma says it is a royal name, and I have read in history that there was once a Charles who lost his head. In your case it seems that history repeats itself. In Charles' case he should have lived under American institutions and his head would have been level and not have been levelled for him. However let the subject *drop*. I was real glad to hear you enjoyed yourself so well. Last night Ma gave a small party and a friend of mine, young Mr. Blerkins the lawyer dropped in, and we had a good talk about the Fourth of July. (Mr. Blerkins is Ma's first cousin.) I left the room under the plea of a bad headache, which I have had ever since you left. My appetite is so bad that I don't believe I have eaten eight ounces of food since Thursday. I am getting *dreafullly* thin. My friend Clara G..... says its owing to the relapse after the exchange of sentiment. I can account for it in no other way. I am *so* sorry you don't feel well. It must be the weather—or something else. Do you think a visit to Montreal would do me any good? If you do I will bother Pa and make him take me there. I am sure we shall be all glad to meet your folks. Pa says these exchanges of sentiment should be fostered and I'm sure I have no objection. I feel *real sorry* you have lost so much flesh, it comes from too much *thinking*. If you feel so bad as you make out, I have no objection to your asking Pa to hurry up that Treaty, for I shouldn't like to be the cause of such a *shocking termination* to the pleasant time we had on "the Fourth." But it must be done in a proper way. The young men of St. Albans have been talking about the Fusiliers ever since they left, and a friend of mine, Miss P..... had a *dreafull* quarrel with her beau because she said something nice about one of your officers. The marriage went come off now, and the poor fellow looks *so miserable* that I quite *pity him*. But Ma thinks people ought to make sacrifices sometimes—and so do I. I think dear Cha—friend, that a trip to St. Albans might prove beneficial. We should all be glad to see you and make you welcome. And then, if you care to ask Pa I have no objection—that is if you think it would do you good.

Your's in friendship,

Bessie

P. S.—You may call me "Bessie" if you want to, Charles.

TRULY RURAL.

"Nor unelightful is the ceaseless hum
To him who muses through the woods at noon—"Thomson's Seasons.

At this season of the year it is customary, for those who can afford it, to go to the country. Some go from pure, unadulterated motives of laziness; others go because other people go; not a few to get away from their creditors; many because it is economical, and those who stay at home, content themselves as best they can by roaming the mountain, or fishing all night along the wharves. Under all diversification's traits of character are developed, in which peculiarities predominate.

Once freed from city surroundings these tourists settle down in their respective suburban retreats and develop their dormant tastes for enjoyment. It is singular to notice the most painful care that some people take in "rigging themselves out" in the most approved fashionable but highly inconvenient outfits in order to do "the correct" thing. Young ladies are got up in matchless linen suits in the latest fashion. Young gentlemen adorn themselves in light summer suits with field glass, straw sombreros carefully enveloped in white muslin veils, which are never used, arranged in tasteful folds; light shoes in which the gravel and small stones will find their way, and to crown all—the inevitable umbrella thrown in—complete the perfection of their toilets. All this is done under the delusive plea of comfort, while the browned skinned young farmer looks upon these fine city folks as people labouring under a species of temporary insanity.

Thus, young men sally forth into the country and may be seen searching along ditches, hedge-rows and fields picking up here and there common flowers and plants for the scientific entertainment of young ladies who affect a knowledge of botany—more theoretical than practical, under the delusive idea that they are enjoying themselves immensely.

The country youth regards these over-dressed and jewellery-bedecked individuals as a species of harmless idiots, and while he longs to possess their store clothes and to dress as they dress, yet he has sense enough to know a fern from a stinging nettle.

Others again, make up pic nic parties, take their own refreshments along, hunt up the curiosities of the place; lose themselves; make appointments and never keep them; go astray in the most confused manner; regail themselves upon semifluid sandwiches, and that most abominable beverage lukewarm ginger ale and finally come home weary and weakened, after spending "a most delightful day!"

But your true disciple of the Piscatorial Art is eminently ahead of them

all. He knows what real enjoyment is in the country, and he may be easily distinguished. There is no false affectation about *him*. His triple jointed rod, and green painted can, a small (or large flask) and an entertaining fly-book form the sum total of his wants—all except the fish which are to follow. As in politics so it is with him: his bait is his capital, and must be selected with care. Quickness of motion, clearness of vision, a steady hand and a fair stock of patience are necessary. But even with all these desirable preliminaries, success is not always assured and the much despised grovelling earthworms have sometimes to be resorted to as bait. What a fine moral reflection is here afforded between other worms of supposed nobler instincts! Yet some anglers fish from sunrise until sunset and catch nothing, but find comfort in the fact "that they have had one or two good nibbles," and so they continue as cheerful and happy and with as keen a smile of self-satisfaction as might have been expected from Alderman TUMBLER when he was fishing for herrings in Dighy.

It takes a good many people to make a world; and even in the country, real solid pleasure is often synonymous with hard work. To our thinking, the best way to find it is to follow the natural bent of one's instincts and not to exceed the limit of one's comprehension of the enjoyable.

A FAMILY COINCIDENCE.

A youth way back in the "gods" abode
Sat out a naughty show
But on his mind there was a load
He could no nearer go.
"I'm too far back" he sadly cried
"Yes, very much too far,"
He leaned more over—then he sighed
In front he saw his Pa.

And yet people talk about the dullness of the modern youth.

AROUND TOWN.

The Orange Crop is ripe.

A note of observation—I. C. U.

"ST. ALBANS" is another laurel to add to the colors of the 6th Fusiliers.

Those JUDGES—Bring on your original awards and let us compare notes.

The Band of the 6th Fusiliers can now play the Star Spangled Banner without any loss of dignity.

It will take many butter coolers and ice pitchers before the excitement over that "Jubilee" is cooled down.

BEACONSFIELD'S remark "I did not come here to yield" is to be patented as the motto for the Montreal Junior Conservative Club.

Some of the Sixth "now speak with a Vermont accent.

"When our troops were in St. Albans" is now the mode of preface used by volunteer officers.

CONTRIBUTOR.—If you will give us your name and let us have the opportunity of looking into the facts for ourselves we will publish them. Otherwise, we must decline.

SINCE Mayor BEAUBRY announced at the last City Council meeting that the Spanish Court was in mourning it will not be fashionable for Montrealers to have either Seville Oranges or Malaga Raisins for desert.

When the Hon. Mr. BEAUBRY accepted the Mayoralty of Montreal he understood that he was to draw his \$2,000 a year salary and only recognize such civic institutions as he might approve of; all others must go to Lachine or anywhere else for recognition, so far as he is concerned.

SINCE "the Jubilee" it is the correct thing at *conversations* and small parties for would-be musical "critics" to talk largely about "time" "attack," "tune" and "general instrumentation"—notwithstanding their knowledge of the true value of the relative terms will be on a par with what they know of the difference between an Italian Piccolo and a German Flute.

SAD.—"CONTRIBUTIONS DECLINED.—Spring: A Few Words on Temperance; The Railway to Heaven; Canada in 1840" are the published headings of a few, in a long list of contributions rejected by the *Witness* last week. It is hard to realize the anguish of these *embryo* poets and authors when their *Mss.* is rejected and the world is thus deprived of these gems "born to blush unseen." The authors, however, should not yet despair, the missionary field among the heavy dailies is still open, then there is the *New Dominion* and *Belford's Monthly*, to say nothing of the *Scholastic News* and its contemporary, the great *Canadian Spectator*.

FOR HIM THERE.—A young swell of fastidious tastes dined at McNALLY'S restaurant, 171 St. James Street, last week. The dandy had some spare money, so he thought he would have an extra good feed. He fed, then he fed some more, each "feed" reminding him of something he had tasted in Paris—far better you know. "Have you anything else?" he enquired. "O yes, I forgot," said the waiter "we *have* something else that will just suit you, calve's head with brain sauce; we can recommend it highly—*especially the sauce*."

FIGHTER'S HEAT.—The heat at St. Albans was so excessive at the Fourth July celebration that it actually burnt off the hair of several weak minded people. Under such circumstances it would be only an exchange of international courtesy in return for the kindness shown to our Montreal tourists to present those ancient folks with several bottles of LUBY'S PARISIAN HAIR RESTORER. A wag remarked that Luby's compound was always used by the 6th Fusiliers to restore the color of their bearskins, and always with the best success. Fact, he assured us.

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