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SPECIAL NOTICE.—Correspondents wishing to communicate with the Editor personally...

Editorial Correspondence. FREDERICTON, Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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Nothing but routine this morning. The Speaker gave notice that in future he will enforce the understood rule that no bill, petition or notice be read at the Clerk's table without being properly entered.

After recess, Mr. Willis moved a resolution relating to lands obtained from railway companies by the Government for settlement, as follows:—

For a statement of the quantity and location of all lands obtained by the Government or the Surveyor-General's Office in the Province of New Brunswick...

Mr. Willis pressed the motion, which was passed, and Messrs. Willis, Covert and Crawford were appointed a committee to prepare and present an address to the Governor-General...

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Fredericton, Sept. 1, 1875. To the President, Directors, &c., of the Maritime Bank, St. John:—

During the past year there has been a considerable depression of business in the Province, as well as in the Dominion, and when there are dull times people look for something to attribute them to, and they generally find it in a proper constitutional way, he could lay bare the facts, and let the country judge between them and the Government.

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counts, until a warrant was issued for them, when they passed from the department accounts at the bank, and became a charge against the Receiver-General's account. The advances on stampage account were to pay current expenses connected with scaling, etc. The advances were placed in the hands of Messrs. Jack and McCallum, who had the supervision of scaling and paid them and a statutory time, these advances by check were put together and a warrant drawn for them. Of course, scaling must go on with the business of the country, and scalars must be paid. The over expenditure on the stampage account will be returned when the application for that service is made. An address for papers in the Receiver-General's hands had been granted, and the Receiver-General would come before the House when explanations could be made. Regarding the fifteen hundred dollars in uncommenced Bank mortgage, he might say that if the amount was placed on the other side of the account, the Receiver-General would be better off. If it were so placed it would have to be deducted from some other account, \$128,876.71, which would leave the balance at the bank precisely as it appears in the statement before the House. At the time of the failure of the Commercial Bank, it owed the Province ninety thousand dollars, but the Government seemed it best not to press too hard for payment so long as it was secured. In the public account the money then owing was always treated as a balance in hand, while the interest paid upon it appeared as current receipts. The indebtedness was gradually diminished, and a few years ago the Receiver-General was able to pay off the balance of the mortgage. The principal of these mortgages had been paid for some time, and the interest went to current account. The advances to Mr. Thompson of the Education office, were on salary account and treated as claims equal to cash. He applied for the advances, as he was in receipt of the money, and the Receiver-General, on that account. Respecting Legislative expenses, hon. members knew that advances must be made to meet them, for the Legislature comes together after the end of the fiscal year and before the appropriations are made, and some of them paid. The Receiver-General would owe eight thousand and seven cents balance of a loan by the Receiver-General after paying jury fees in 1876. He will return that amount. The Receiver-General would owe eight thousand and seven cents balance of a loan by the Receiver-General after paying jury fees in 1876. He will return that amount.

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it as a forgery and called on Kelly, who, he said, knew all about the wharf matter, to defend him.

Davidson and Ryan (Gloosetop) said the letter was a forgery, written by Frederick Kelly, and he had good reason to believe that the logs were ready for the wharf. The grant was large enough to build the structure or it would have been erected. It would be built right, he believed. There was a long discussion over the matter, and the Receiver-General said he merely got the money in trust for the Commissioner. Seven or eight hundred logs, most of them procured last winter by a man named Theriault and another, were lying on the bank of Caraquez river, near the bridge, waiting to be taken to the site of the wharf in the Spring. He claimed that the letter was the property of the House, having been read.

Steam Navigation items have been passed as follows: The *Leclaire*, Washademooc and Indianstone ferries, St. John, grants are discontinued; the Newcastle and Chatham ferries lost \$200; Beaucoupe Packet \$200; Grand Manan and Islands steamer, Charlotte Cove, \$1,400; *St. John*, \$500; *Answer*, \$6,000; *Middlebury* ferry, \$400; *Yarmouth* and St. John steamer, \$1,500, and St. Martin's steamer, \$1,000. Chatham and Newcastle ferries and *Yves* steamer are to be discontinued next year.

Among items of supply passed are \$55,000 for the purchase of 200,000 lbs. of Roads; and \$16,000 for Agriculture. Johnston, Berns, Ryan, (Gloosetop) Elder and other members appeared to have Agriculture report printed in French. It is not impossible that the report and the French translation will be printed in French. The Chief Commissioner being asked by Davidson, on Monday afternoon, how much of Great Roads item had been expended, said in reply he could not give the exact figures, and on being asked for more specific reply said that the statement of all expenditures to date had been laid on the table and he thought he (Davidson) should be able to do so for himself what was in it.

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Johnson and O'Leary complained of injustice done to Kent in the matters of its roads and wharf.

Attorney-General introduced a bill to authorize the assessing, levying and collecting of rates and taxes on the different Parishes of Kent upon arrears unpaid, which have been levied and assessed since 1871, with petition of A. Girouard, J. D. Phipps and three others in favor of same.

Constantinople despatch states that the police force which Col. Baker has been authorized to organize will number 1,000 and foreign officers will be employed.

The Russian Consulate at Constantinople, warms shipping that torpedo boats being placed on the Black Sea coast between Lookook Kab, and Fort St. Nicholas.

A St. Petersburg despatch of 27th inst. says:—A Cabinet Council was held on Saturday, at which, it is reported, the Peace party obtained the postponement of a declaration of war.

In the suit against the rector and wardens of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, to restrain the rector from charging the Chinese of the church on the ground that their sound was a nuisance, the court granted the injunction prayed for.

A number of Turks, including soldiers, pillaged Goranacoi on the Danube. A detachment of Roumanian troops captured the thieves of the party, including the Turkish soldiers. The leader of the marauders, who was a Turkish official from Rutechuk, and another Turk, were killed.

In the Nova Scotia Assembly on Friday, the Provincial Secretary gave notice of a resolution empowering the Governor to appoint a delegation to confer with the delegates from New Brunswick and P. E. Island on the question of a maritime union and reports at the next session of the Legislature.

In the House of Lords, on Monday night, Lord Strathmore made an address to the Queen, praying Her Majesty to adopt measures to prevent hostilities, and to secure adherence to the treaties of 1856, and to promote the welfare of the race subject to Turkey. It was rejected without a division.

The agreement between the Porte and the Sultan's envoys has been concluded. Prince Abbas will visit the Emperor of the Sultan accepting the Turkish conditions except those claiming equality for Jews in Servia and the right of the Porte to be diplomatically represented at Belgrade. The Sultan will accept the terms of the firm, determining the future relations of Turkey and Servia.

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GOING TO THE B.A.D.

BY REV. J. W. BATES.

What Mr. Hiram P. Adams had looked forward to as a lynch, but what was really an excellent, substantial dinner, appearing extra enjoyable to the travellers, after the light and fanciful repast to which they had recently been accustomed, was discussed, and the American family, wearied out with the travel and fatigues of the day, sought their couches at a comparatively early hour.

After they had retired, the two young men, who had remained in constant attendance upon them, proceeded to the smoking-room, which they fortunately found empty.

Ordering such a steaming glass of whisky toddy, they lit their cigars, and the taller and younger man dragging up a huge chair in front of the fire, threw himself into it, and plunging his hands in his pockets, stared himself out at full length and with his eyes fixed upon the fire, began smoking steadily.

The doctor walked up to the window, and pulling aside one of the heavy curtains looked out across the harbor.

"The rain has cleared off," he said, "but there seems to be a devil of a wind blowing the clouds away, so that the sun is shining brightly, and the white-crowded waves look angry enough in the moonlight."

"I wish they would run in and swamp this whole infernal place," said his companion, expelling a mouthful of smoke and holding his hand before his face to shield it from the glare.

"Why, what's the matter with you, Fred, to-night?" said the doctor, turning round and looking at his friend.

"Ever since we landed you have been cross and down in the mouth, not to be recognized as the same man who was the life and soul of Homburg only a month ago."

"Matter with me!" cried the man addressed savagely. "It's enough to take the pluck out of the best man to bring me back to such an infernal country as this, more especially under the circumstances in which I am placed."

"Dear me, is it indeed?" said the doctor, gravely. "Seemed to be the devilish pleasant circumstances, and such as I should not at all object to suffer under!"

"Of course you would not," said his companion, severely. "Of course you would not, Dick Phillimore, because you are as hard as steel and as common as dirt, because you never knew what delivery—entertainment was, and so long as you can get plenty to eat, drink, and smoke, all of the best, so long as you have a good bed to lie on, and good clothes to wear, you don't care what says or thinks about it."

"The doctor had frowned at the beginning of this tirade, but before it was concluded, he burst into a jolly laugh, and said: "You are quite right about that, Fred; I'll be hanged if I do!"

"Now, I am different," said Sir Frederick. "I was happy and in good luck as you say at Homburg, but now, because there are no more Frenchmen, Americans, Russians, what not—where one's rank was respected, and where they knew and cared nothing for one's antecedents. Here, in this accursed place, you are—I am always on the lookout for some one to respect me, and I find it difficult to find any one who will do so."

"Did she tell you they were there?" "No, dear Frederick, but I know they are, because I have seen them. When the old lady was asleep in that journey between Geneva and Paris, I took the liberty of lifting her gold key from her watch chain, and opening the lock with it. Then I saw them all in their white satin-lined cases; heavens, glorious sight!"

"Then what does all this lead to, pray?" asked the baronet, with a yawn.

"Well, dear Frederick, my idea was this: When we arrive at Charing Cross to-morrow morning, we see those worthy people into a cab, and you go off with them to the Langham; I remain to take care of the luggage, and an hour and a half afterwards I arrive at the Langham with all the luggage, except Mrs. Adams' little bag. I am white as death—I am very good at making up my face—I can scarcely articulate—I remember quite enough of anatomy to simulate rigor of the tongue, and tremble all over. 'What is the matter?' 'The bag! It is here!' 'No, Great heavens! I will devote my life to searching for it!' And I go off. Letters are received from me from Boulogne, St. Peterburgh, Pesh, Bucharest, Indianapolis, and Bagleboro, Pa., but I never come back. Meaning I take the diamonds to our old friend Schaub, at Amsterdam; they are broken up in the usual way, and you and I have rather a fine time upon the proceeds of the sale."

"Bah!" said his companion, lighting a fresh cigar. "You are always a fool, Dick; but never, even out of your idiotic brain, did a proposition spring so preposterous as that which you have just broached. You have done as many bad things as I have, committed as many crimes, and some serious. I have no doubt, if all were known, but you have never suffered from them as I have. You have never been found out—or, at least only half found out—you have never been sent to jail—how my flesh creeps at the mere mention of the word! I see the long stone corridors, the cold, slippery staircases, like serpents winding themselves up to the roof, the blank white-washed walls! I hear the dull, measured tramp of the warder's feet, the rattle of the bolt as it shoots in the lock, the solemn clanging of the chapel bell rousing one perhaps from his sleep," continued the doctor, leaning back, and puffing at his cigar.

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his smoke into the air, and looking up to the ceiling. "I may say never, unless indeed, I have been silly enough to eat Welsh rabbit, or anything indigestible just before going to bed; then I have an awful time of it, and fellows tell me who have been sleeping in the next room, that I yell out and kick up the devil's delight; but that's only happened to me once or twice in my life. Ordinarily, whatever I have done, or intend to do, never troubles my conscience, and to tell you the truth, I don't think I've got one!"

"You are a lucky fellow," said Sir Frederick, bitterly.

"Yes," said the doctor, smiling pleasantly. "The less one thinks about such ridiculous matters the more time one is enabled to devote to practical purposes. Let us be practical now, dear Frederick. Are you aware of the state of our funds?"

"They must be low enough," said the baronet, gloomily; "that's the saddest thing upon the red at Homburg was enough to break the bank of England."

"Well, dear Frederick, we are not the bank of England—I wish to Heaven we were; wouldn't I show them how to rig the money market—and it certainly broke you. If we had borrowed that five thousand francs from little Barre, on the strength of your noble name, we should have been stuck down there in pawn, and heaven knows how long we should have remained there, for there is no money to be raised in England."

"How much of Barre's advance remains?" asked Sir Frederick.

"Just thirty pounds," said the doctor, after looking into his pocket-book. "We shall get out of this for five, as I will undertake to settle the bill for our friends up stairs—to save them trouble, you know, and will lump it in altogether, and that will just leave us five and twenty when we arrive in town. Five-and-twenty pounds doesn't go far in London, dear Frederick."

"It does not, indeed," said the baronet, in a despairing voice. "What on earth is to be done? Can you not think of anything?"

"Well, dear boy," said the doctor, drawing his chair nearer to his friend's, "it does not do for us to best about the bush, or to hide any thing from each other, and to tell you the truth, I have been thinking of something."

"With regard to our dear friends up stairs, you may have observed that, during our three weeks' acquaintance with them, while you have been philanthropic and saying sweet nothings to the young lady, I have been paying great attention to the old one, partly in the cause of friendship, but partly, I blush to say, from a baser motive."

"Go on, what then?"

"That is all he says to me for my sacrifice," said the doctor; "but no matter. What then? Why, in the course of my intimacy with the old lady, I have discovered that, like most uneducated women who have been married at a late period of their lives, her sole happiness in having money is to spend it in the most lavish and preposterous manner."

"She need not go far to find two fitting objects for her bounty," said Sir Frederick, sensitively.

"I have a strong suspicion," but that is not at all in her line. She likes to spend it on herself, and she does it. In Paris and in Rome, in Vienna and in Frankfurt, in fact wherever she has been, she has been purchasing rings, bracelets, necklaces, and jewels of all kinds, to add diamonds; and they are all in that bag which she invariably gives me to carry."

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collection of all this is enough to drive me mad!"

He shuddered as he spoke, and covered his face with his hands.

Dick Phillimore looked at him with strange curiosity. "You are quivering, dear Frederick," said he. "All the things that you have mentioned are confoundingly unpleasant, to say nothing of being contrary to one's conscience, and to wear ill-gotten garments, and being put upon a light and wholesome but scarcely appetizing farinaceous diet, the product of Oswego, which I am given to understand is a thriving city belonging to our American cousins, or the porridge of Scotland does not make up for the enforced absence of a tender steak, and a bottle of Muir's dry! As you say, dear Frederick, I never experienced any of these things, nor do I quite understand why you have imported this unpleasant element into the conversation."

"Because you seem to have forgotten the chances of detection in this profligate scheme of yours. You would know all about them soon enough supposing you failed to get clear off with your booty, or were detected even when you had disposed of it. No, Dick, no; we must and we will have money, but we will get it in a very different manner, very different, much safer, than the insane scheme which you propose."

"We will, dear boy, we will, by all means," said Dick Phillimore, taking a long pull, which emptied his tumbler, and ringing the bell; "but how?"

"It shall be duly provided for by a phoe from whom you intended to obtain it by force," said the doctor.

"When the waiter has attended to your summons, I will give you the details." The waiter answered the bell, and soon re-appeared, bearing two huge journals of the steam mill.

"When he had taken his departure, Sir Frederick turned to his friend and said: "Did you do what I told you in reference to punning this Yankee as to his fortune?"

"Snuck him as you say as the oil well out of which he got his money, and afterwards sold to his brother-in-law, dear boy," said Dick Phillimore, with an engaging smile. "For it was out of oil he got it. Ten years ago your friend Hiram P. was in a small way, and kept a dry goods store, as he calls it—something equivalent to a provision store, I suppose—in Hittsville, Pennsylvania. He was doing sufficiently badly, when a friend of his, an old Dr. Drake, of Connecticut, arrived at Hittsville and commenced to bore for oil. He took Hiram P. into his confidence, and they worked away together, but they had a mighty hard time of it. Had to send fifty miles every time their tools wanted repair; but they persevered, and at length struck it. It was a splendid vein, and in a little while they were pumping out of it at the rate of from thirty-five to forty barrels per day. Hiram P. had a share in this, and he had fortuitously procured a small bit of land in the neighborhood, which he had purchased of a certain Mr. Drake, who had been prospecting, and which turned out almost equally good. He did not launch out, did Hiram P., but went on living in his modest way, and he had accumulated something like two hundred thousand dollars, and he was between forty and fifty thousand pounds."

"Then, like a sensible man, he thought he had had enough of his location, and he laid his plan to his brother-in-law, who blew his own head off in despair a year afterwards, and came quietly down to New York. There was a serious case there at that time, and as there usually is, a corner as they call it, and Hiram P. having a share in it, he was not averse to the good advice his friends, went down into Wall street, and operated successfully. In the course of three months he had nearly doubled his money, and he withdrew, meaning to buy what he calls 'an elegant house up town,' and take his flight to some foreign port, given an excellent education, into society, and Mr. A., who, as you may perceive, is a woman of ambition, determined to run this town, and he had the good fortune to meet them."

"You may well say good fortune," said Sir Frederick, puffing at his cigar. "A hundred thousand pounds isn't a bad sum to play with, and I don't think you are over-estimating it. What a bet, still, to have the interest of it to spend!"

"Safer," said Dick, with a wink; "for a such fellows as you and I, who have a fatal habit of not finding the interest sufficient, and digging into the capital."

"Exactly," said Sir Frederick. "Now, I intend to have the interest of this money at my disposal, and I mean to be first class."

"Noblest of men," cried Dick, with an approving nod; "but how do you intend to do it?"

"You added-pated old fellow, I have been arranging for it for the last six weeks, and it is just ready to drop into my mouth."

"The device it is," cried Dick in astonishment. "How so?"

"Why, while you are dancing round the mother, and worrying your old brain, in endeavoring to see how you could rob her of her diamonds, I was planning to get hold of a more valuable jewel than any of them, her daughter."

"Ay—ay," said Dick. "I knew you were making good running, but you managed to persuade her to run off with you, how would that bring you any nearer the money?"

"Run off with me!" cried Sir Frederick, scornfully. "I intend to marry her."

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