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A VITAL QUESTION.

Uncle Sam is credited with a more or less open design to acquire from France by purchase the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, which lie close to Newfoundland. Equally our neighbor would like to cultivate closer relations with the Ancient Colony itself, and these two facts give accent to the importance of Canada effecting a union with Newfoundland without delay. If the French islands are for sale Britain or Canada ought to be their purchaser. And with that the French Shore question ought to be disposed of. It must not be forgotten that Newfoundland owns the Atlantic coast of Labrador, entirely shutting in the mainland of Canada for a length of seven or eight hundred miles up to the entrance to Hudson's Strait. Some day the ownership of this strip will be more important than the like strip along our Pacific coast of which the United States has become possessed by the purchase from Russia and the recent boundary decision.

If our Government is at all awake it will see the danger. Canada can ill afford to be shut in on both the Atlantic and the Pacific by a rival power. It is time we had a Monroe Doctrine of our own in regard to our northern boundary. If Newfoundland does not choose to come into the Dominion, Labrador, should be purchased by Canada. It is little more than a bill of expence to Newfoundland. Of course the latter could not sell it to a foreign power, but there is still in it a source of complication if not of danger to Canada. Concessions might be made by Newfoundland to the States which would prove embarrassing. Ottawa should be especially alert with regard to St. Pierre, Miquelon and Newfoundland at the present time. That way lies danger.

A GOVERNMENT'S BEST FRIENDS.

The Toronto Globe discusses the above subject, and among other things wisely says: The temptations are so strong, besetments come from so many quarters—hungry office-seekers, contractors, subsidy-hunters, and what not—and the "facilis descensus Avernus" principle is so strong in politics, that the Government's best friends are not those who stand by them when they are wrong, not those who flatter them as his councillors flattered Rehoboth, but those who, true to the traditions and principles for which Liberalism has always stood, refuse to approve of what in Opposition the Liberals denounced.

These be brave words, but, and if they are true words, The Guardian has been a better and a truer friend to the Laurier Government than The Globe has been. We have "refused to approve of what in Opposition the Liberals denounced." But what of The Globe? "Stands Scotland where it did?" We have in memory a Globe that derided high protective tariffs, that denounced as lavish and wicked an expenditure half as great as that of the Liberal Government of today. The reverend editor of The Globe ought to read for an hour or two the files which record the weightier words of his abler predecessors in the editorial chair—of George Brown, Gordon Brown, John Cameron, A. H. Dymond. And then perhaps he would see the arrant hypocrisy of pretending that The Globe of today "refuses to approve of what in Opposition those stalwart Liberals denounced."

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HEARING OF FISH.

Harvard Zoologist Shows That New England Killifish Have Ears.

As long ago as the seventeenth century it was noticed that fish have what appeared to be ears, and from that time till well in the nineteenth century nobody doubted that the fish were able to hear with them. Then a European scientist, experimenting with goldfish, surprised his fellows by declaring that the goldfish of his experiments had proved that they responded to sound by "feeling" rather than by "hearing," as human beings ordinarily understand it, and an English scientist discovered that several kinds of fish, evidently disturbed by any land concussion that vibrated the water, were apparently deaf to inner sounds that didn't vibrate it. From that time the hearing of fishes has been one of the mooted questions of science.

One of the latest investigators, Professor G. H. Parker of Harvard university, has lately shown by yet another series of experiments that a certain fish, the little New England minnow, or "killifish," does hear, and the result of the experiments so far conducted seems to show that some fish hear sounds as men and women do, while others are genuinely deaf, living in perpetual silence and "feeling" a sound impression simply as the vibration which it produces in water is communicated to their sensitive bodies.

Many fish, however, although they do not use their ears to hear with, find them of the greatest value in maintaining their equilibrium in the water. Without their ears these fishes would be no more able to swim straight than an intoxicated man is able to keep a direct path on his way home from the club. The ears, in other words, are an important part in the nervous mechanism by which the fish keeps a straight and upright course through its native element.

Hearing itself, as has been pointed out in the long series of scientific investigations that have been centered about fishes' ears during the past decade, was probably the last of the five senses to be developed. Frogs, toads and the like, for example, have a very deficient sense of hearing as compared with birds and particularly with dogs and cats. The natural conclusion is therefore that the more highly developed fish have a distinct sense of hearing, as shown by Professor Parker's experiments, while others less developed are entirely deaf. Isaac Walton, who knew so much about fish from the angler's point of view, may in the light of present knowledge have been giving moral rather than practical advice when he warned fishermen "to be patient and forbear swearing."

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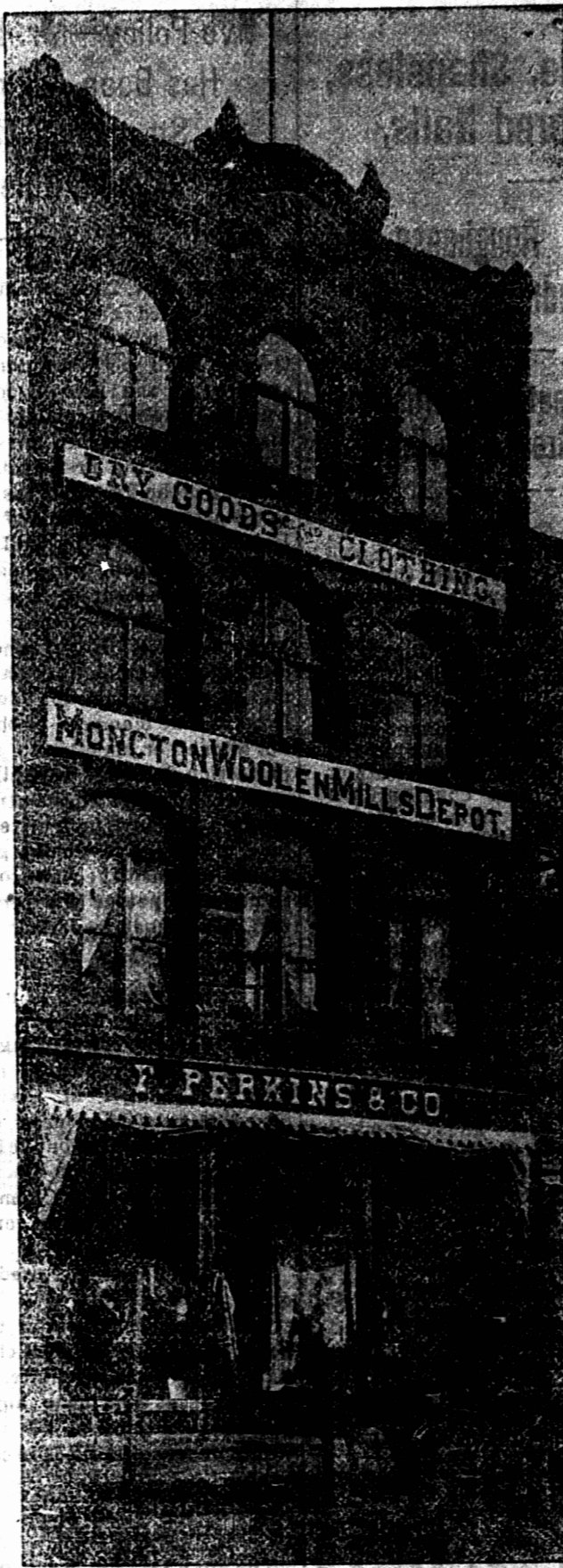
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