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SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1899.

UNION WITH NEWFOUNDLAND.

The current number of the Canadian Merchants' Review, published in Montreal, is styled the "Confederation Number" because it deals exhaustively, from a business standpoint with the question of union between Newfoundland and Canada. A brief history of the Ancient Colony is given, an outline of its resources, trade, revenue and expenditure and of the latest terms of union as proposed in 1895. Following this information is a series of papers by various Presidents of the different Boards of Trade throughout Canada, giving their views as to the commercial and business results likely to be attained by the union. Among these papers is one from the pen of President Haszard of the Charlottetown Board of Trade which we reproduce in this issue.

The Merchants' Review in connection with the Confederation Number gives a handsome supplement containing neatly engraved portraits of the Presidents of 62 Boards of Trade who form a distinguished looking group. The group affords an object lesson in several ways. The Provinces and the Territories are represented and in fact almost every city and town in the mainland of Canada, while Charlottetown is the only locality in this Island which receives notice. It is important that we have one Board of Trade; it seems regrettable that we have not more in active working. There are altogether eleven associations of this kind in the Maritime Provinces.

Generally speaking the communications from the Trade Presidents may be said to be strongly in favor of union with Newfoundland. A few of them speak with some hesitation because of the French Shore question, or the alienation of Newfoundland's resources by the Reid contract, but the weight of opinion is altogether in favor of having the union consummated without haggling very much over the financial terms. No doubt these views will have considerable weight in forming a public sentiment both in Canada and Newfoundland in favor of the union, especially as the writers hold the conviction that union would be of equal advantage to the Dominion and Newfoundland.

It may be worth while here to recall the financial terms offered by Canada to Newfoundland in 1895. In brief the Dominion proposed to assume the debt of the Colony with an addition to make it up to \$10,350,000; to give \$50,000 yearly for legislation; to pay 80 cents per head on present population of 207,000, or \$165,000, and to increase this as the population increased up to 400,000; to make an allowance of \$150,000 yearly for crown timber and mineral lands, and to support such mail, steamship, militia and other services and pay such official salaries as are now paid in other Provinces of Canada.

There was a difference between the financial terms which the Dominion was willing to concede and the lowest that the Colony would accept, of \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year. Between 1895 when these negotiations were broken off and the present time, the position of Newfoundland has been wholly changed by the Reid contract, and also by the French Shore question having become more acute. Should the Imperial Government be able to arrange the Shore question with France there is a probability that negotiations for union may be resumed.

Unfortunately for the city, and for those who would like to claim that the License Act has had a favorable

effect on the prevalent drinking habits there were 19 arrests for drunkenness in Charlottetown during the six working days preceding yesterday.

A subscriber writing from Everett Mass. and renewing his subscription says: "I am delighted with your paper, and I think the best way to remember friends in the United States is to send them THE GUARDIAN." The writer proceeds to tell that the Pastor of the Congregationalist church in Everett while trying to raise money to pay off a church debt, refused a sum of sixteen dollars offered by a man who kept a wholesale liquor store.

The by-election in the First District of Prince will take place on the 25th instant, nomination day being one week earlier. It seem to have been expected in some quarters that Mr. E. Hackett would be the Conservative candidate but the Examiner yesterday stated that Mr. Henry J. Pineo had received the nomination. The contest will therefore be between him and Mr. Gallant, the unseated member. The record of past local elections show that the District was usually carried by the Liberals, the exception being in 1897 when Mr. Hackett was elected over Mr. Gaudet by 1,112 votes to 979. The average of Liberal majorities in the three elections of 1886, 1890 and 1898 was 143.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

Mr. Muttart Answered.

SIR.—Councillor Muttart of Summerside has written a letter to the Patriote when Mr. Laird was editor, his signature did not grace its columns. But times have changed, or as the Premier would say "the circumstances" have. Mr. Muttart sees no drunkenness in this city at present, although the police records show an increase under license. Of course the gentleman will reply so much worse for the records. But my object in writing is to ask Mr. Muttart to give us his opinion of how he thinks a license law would work in his town. He is one of the seven gentlemen in that town sworn to enforce all laws. Rum is as openly sold in Summerside as it ever was in Charlottetown. Does he not think that repealing the Scott Act and licensing the traffic will be the same effect as it has here? Come, Councillor, own up. You will save the Patriote and Pioneer at your back.
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