

back. In the evening he sometimes goes to the theatre. He is the Emperor's out-of-door life at Vichy. As to his occupations, he wastes much time in his work on the Life of Caesar. I am happy to inform you that the Emperor's wish to remain ignorant is not to be respected by the visitor. The Emperor's wish to remain ignorant is not to be respected by the visitor. The Emperor's wish to remain ignorant is not to be respected by the visitor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SCHOOL VISITOR.

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 1862.
MY DEAR SIR.—You are aware, of course, that I was a member of the Government which carried the Education Act, notwithstanding the opposition given to it by the party now in power. It is natural, therefore, that I should feel anxious for the success of a measure of such vital importance to the rising generation. The Act of 1854, however, owing to the negligence of the Government and the Visitor of Schools, is not working well. This I attribute more particularly to the Visitor, who appears to be more devoted to politics and to the temperance cause than to the duties of his office. But to come to facts: Mr. Arbuckle called at our schoolhouse on the 16th of March, 1861; but, being in a great hurry, told the Master he would inspect his school on his return on another day. He did not, however, make his appearance until the scholars were dismissed; and he has not been near the school since that time. It is a long time since the school has been inspected by the Visitor. I believe there are many more schools in this part of the Island which have suffered from similar neglect. However, this is a matter of small importance to what I know. Mr. Arbuckle is no doubt a better employed, but last winter wrote to the Teacher of the Port Hill school, as I have been informed, requesting him to visit certain schools in that neighbourhood, and report upon them for him by the time he next came to visit his school. The Master forgot all about the report until the Visitor arrived; and while the latter was at dinner, he prepared the report, which, no doubt, formed part of the one submitted to the House of Assembly on the last day of the Session. I got this statement from such good authority, I have not the slightest doubt of its truth. I know, from conversations there is no doubt, making my representation to his Excellency or to his Government; and I wish to make the matter public, as the only other course left open to me. Perhaps public opinion may effect some change in a system which, if not checked, will tend to demoralize both teachers and children, and materially injure the cause of education.

I remain yours truly,
HON. E. WHELAN.

[We understand our correspondent is not correct in this particular—that Mr. Arbuckle abandoned the temperance cause some time ago, or rather that his services were dispensed with by the Sons of Temperance, for reasons best known to themselves.]

DEAR SIR.—It is, perhaps, a fact known to you, that one of the rural districts, who are deemed to pass our lives in quiet obscurity, far from the "long streets of traffic and din," "strange and busy," and "longing desire of acquiring the humble fame, content to

"Gripe our dull way on
By the dim twinkling of ages gone,
and where thought, save the simple ambition
of growing larger potatoes than our neighbors,
troubles the quiet of our lives—sacredly
catch and amuse themselves with the
dull routine of our daily conversation.
I am not aware that any tangible reason has
as yet been given by the "studiers of human
nature," as the cause of this peculiarity. It
being, however, a settled matter that such is
the case, you need not be surprised when I
tell you that the members of this quiet com-
munity have for the last month found an
ample topic of discussion as to what could be
a comfortably arranged carriage that semi-weekly
passed to and from Charlottetown and the
north side of the Island. At first the going
and coming of the carriage did not excite
me much, as I supposed that some gentleman
for the good of his health left the dusty city,
to luxuriate for a time in the cool shades of
New London. As it continued to pass twice
a week for more than a month, the thought
that it was a newly appointed mail carrier
led me to enquire, "So soon as the carriage
happy idea came to the relief of my tortured
imagination, big with the important discovery,
I hastened to make it known to the rest
of the family. What, however, was my
chagrin when my brother—who is somewhat
my senior, and to whose opinion I pay great
deference, as he has been once in a while
if recollect aright, at that momentous time
listened to the thrilling eloquence of the
members of the House of Assembly—said
that such was the case,—that he himself
had thought the same, but having, through
a restlessness of the eye, a sight of a head
that should have been on a certain four-
footed animal, but which, alas for the degeneracy
of the times, belonged to a man man-
nerly like a prominent member of the
Executive Council, the illusion had been dis-
sipated. In the midst of my disappointment
one silencing remark remained. I could at
least get a glimpse of real life in the
Executive, that so consistently misrule the
country. Not long was the pleasure denied,
for on the next Monday—a clear, beautiful
day—the carriage bore in sight, and, as it
passed slowly along, the occupant, enjoying
the balmy breeze that came laden with the
smell of

"rare exotics
That overflow the sense with sweet perfume,"
I had ample time to feast my eyes on the
vision presented to view. He was a tall,
dark-complexioned man, with a profusion of
frizzy hair, and although not very old,
he had a decided air of grand old age. A
great expression in the chest caused the head to bow
forward in very unbecoming fashion, but gave
that depressing, melancholy appearance
which persons subject to hypochondriacal fits
are said to have. Being determined to know
the nature of his business, I enquired of a
Liberal in New London, as he had seen him.
To be sure he had, he said; he was around
trying to secure votes for his friends, and
adopted a stealthy mode of proceeding, in
order not to excite suspicion, it being the
policy of the Government to surreptitiously
interfere with an Election, and thus, as they
hope, have them at a disadvantage.

Every person in New London and Caven-
dish suspected of entertaining Tory principles
received a visit from this "gentleman of
family," who used all his feeble eloquence
to denounce Liberals and Catholics—who, he
said, would, when they came into power, es-
tablish an Inquisition, where, with the Ketch-
er and Whelan as the presiding powers,
Protestants generally, and the Orangemen
with Pope at their head, in particular, would
be immolated. He, therefore, urged on them
the necessity of at once establishing Orange
Lodges in Cavenish and New London, as the
surest means of returning the Govern-
ment, and preventing the innovation of the
Papists. All this and much more did he tell
them, but the dodge succeeded in but very
few cases. The reckless expenditure of the
public money in the employment of useless
officials, and in the maintenance of the in-
crease of duty, and increase of debt—the
bungling about the Land Commission,
and the despicable conduct of the Colonial
Secretary in attempting to raise religious
differences in the minds of the people of
New London, and brought them to the
conclusion that the Government they
supported at the last Election is one of the
most deceptive and unscrupulous that ever
engaged the good sense of a people. It being
known that the members of the Govern-
ment that such a feeling existed in the
minds of the people, they thought it would be
a wise proceeding on their part to secretly can-
vass the district before announcing the time
for an Election, and thus, as they
attempt to palliate their conduct are the Lib-

erals would have a chance of showing it up
as public meeting. For this purpose they
planned to hold a meeting in the woods
near the schoolhouse, where they would
discuss with its long course through a hundred
years.

feeling confident that his boasted "popu-
lar" would soon bring back the New
Londoners to their allegiance to the
Government. But, alas, how often are our
fondest hopes destroyed by what we thought
the surest means of bringing about their re-
alization! This has been the case with the
Government. The man on whom they had
relied to bring back the New Londoners to
their allegiance, "Too much talk about 'honour'
and 'British blood' is not relished by the
New Londoners when they demand the reason
of the increase of debt, and general mis-
management of the Government. They want
some clearer explanation of their past policy
than has yet been given. But to come to facts:
Queen's County is generally becoming
aware of the necessity of getting rid of a
proprietary faction. Political meetings should be held at once,
and two sound Liberals chosen to represent
us—men who have the interest of the country
at heart, and who can express their opinions
freely without seeking to worm themselves
into office, as many have done. Protestants
and Catholics should be united at the coming
election, if they wish to secure the re-
turn of men who will govern them as they
ought to be governed. It is for the interest
of the country that the Government should
employ office-hunters to bind the tenantry
to the burden imposed upon them by the
landlords, by raising the "No Popery"
cry; but the days are passed in which people
can be thus deceived by men who have not
the slightest particle of religion. In the
meantime I will keep my eye on the Gray
hat with the perforated top, and report pro-
ceedings of its owner.

I am yours truly,
Queen's County, Aug. 20, 1862.

BOTHIN.

THE SHOOTING MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.
SIR.—The Shooting Match which recently took
place near Charlottetown has, in all probability,
secured a durable fame for the Volunteer move-
ment in this Island. The immense loss which it
caused to the Colony, and the frightful amount of vice
and immorality of every species which followed in
its train, are more than sufficient to justify the
reproaching of the whole affair, and to cause
the voices of Christians of all denominations to
be raised against it. The match was a disgrace
to our country, and a discreditable blot on
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