

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1911. SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 1911.

Today in Charlottetown will doubtless be ushered in as heretofore by marching processions, about the finest we see, keeping step to the bands playing Tom Moore's Irish melodies, than which none are finer or more appealing, the young and old of Irish blood wearing shamrocks, in honor of Ireland and her patron Saint, the good Saint Patrick. That he was a very real saint is attested beyond all manner of doubt, so good a saint in fact that even Presbyterian Scotland would fain lay claim to having been his place of birth.

been much ameliorated, and under laws more just and fair than in the past Ireland has become more prosperous and contented than perhaps for many by-gone generations. It is equally pleasing to know that Irish aspirations toward local self-government are likely to be realized in the near future. We are of those who have long held that home rule for Ireland is a measure of justice too long delayed, as just, as reasonable and as safe as the home rule enjoyed by each Canadian Province.

MARSHALLING IN ARMS ON THE RIO GRANDE.

There is still a good deal of mystery about the marshalling in arms, first of twenty thousand and a little later of twenty thousand more United States troops in Texas on the Mexican border. The movement has been discussed in the Chancelleries or Parliaments of Great Britain, Germany and Japan, and is evidently a matter of considerable importance among the great powers of the world.

ance in certain eventualities, and a concession for a Japanese naval station on the Mexican coast, but this improbable story has been promptly and officially denied. Another report cabled to a London newspaper represented President Diaz in a great rage over the American military demonstration, which it said he was disposed to treat as a threat of invasion or military occupation of Mexican territory. A section of the Berlin press treated the matter as of no concern to Germany, and it was referred to as merely "taking out and dusting the venerable parchment known as the Monroe Doctrine."

THE SEED FAIR.

In theory and design the Seed Fair is an excellent and promising institution. There is nothing more important in agriculture than good seed, nothing more important to our Province than agriculture. Like produce like in the whole range of production. And it is gratifying to know that from every point of view the Central Seed Fair just now held in this City was a great success, and more than ever before these fairs have become an established and useful agency in our agricultural life.

After all what does it matter whether the Province has two Judges, three Judges or no Judges in the Supreme Court? What does it matter whether we have four members sitting in the Senate of Canada or only one? The apparent decision of the Government and of the members supporting them at Ottawa is that these things do not matter at all. Hence the existing vacancies are left unfilled from year to year. The people think these are matters of some consequence, but protests in the press and in the Legislature are met only with a note of defiance. The Government will make appointments "when it gets good and ready!"

HORSE NOTES.

John Tweedy, Earncliffe, has imported from Scotland this week one of the finest thoroughbred Clydesdale fillies that ever came to this Province. This colt—Aggressor (16137) sire, Arnprior (10437), dam, Keir Jewess (27508)—was bred by John and James Macfarlane, Cottonhaugh, Bridge of Allan, Scotland, and was purchased for Mr. Tweedy by A. H. Thomson, who buys horses in the Old Country for the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Governments. He is 9 months old and weighs nearly eight hundred pounds. Mr. Thomson brought over at the same time with Mr. Tweedy's colt twenty other young Clydesdales for the New Brunswick Government and twenty Percherons from France for the Nova Scotia Government.

HORSE NOTES.

The Clydesdale stallion Wigton Hero imported from Scotland registered in Scottish and Canadian Stud books owned by the St. Peter's Clyde Horse Co., will be at F. Hughes' stables, Charlottetown, from April 10th till 29th and will leave St. Peter's on May 9th on his regular route through Bangor, Lot 40, Byr's road, Clarktown, Mount Ryan, Charlottetown and return by Dunstaffnage, Donaldson, Mount Stewart, west St. Peter's and Marie. Regular ad later. 3-17drcl.

THREE ASPHYXIATED

CHATHAM, Ont., March 14—Wm. Leak may die and his wife and son, Orvala, are seriously ill after a narrow escape from asphyxiation. Escaping fumes from their gas stove last night almost wiped out the entire family.

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GOOD ROADS.

Sir:—"Complaint has been made that in certain seasons the roads were in bad condition. This had always happened from time to time and would happen again, owing to the nature of the soil, and until we get macadamized roads, which are yet beyond our means."

The above quotation is from Premier Hazard's speech on the draft address as published in The Guardian of the 11th inst., and is rather a flippancy way of disposing of a question of so much interest to the whole community. It is as much as saying, "We have done the best we could in the way of roads, and we will have to put up with bad roads until they can be macadamized, and that is beyond our means."

Some few years ago I had occasion to visit the village of New Glasgow. It was in the month of May. I left Charlottetown with a horse and buggy, and the streets were dry and summerlike. But when I got into the country where the spruce trees and bushes are allowed to line the roadsides it was difficult to get along even in a poor way. In some places the snow was four feet deep. At one place within two miles of the village I found things so bad that, rather than return by that road, I took the longer way round through Rustico.

Just think of it good people—an almost impassable road from snow drifts not yet melted in the middle of May! The farmers were at work in the fields and seeding was well advanced, but the roads were bad beyond description. Still the Premier has the hardihood to tell his people—a long suffering people—that nothing can be done until we have money enough in the treasury to pay for macadamizing.

Macadamizing seems to be the watchword now. A few years ago it was the road machine. But if the Commissioner of Public Works would use less road machine and more common sense our roads would be very much better with very much less expense. Not that the Honorable Commissioner is not possessed of common sense—he has lots of it. Then for pity's sake why does he not apply a little of it to roadmaking.

It is surprising how many of our legislators think they are doing their whole duty by the people when they are voting money, even though the purpose for which they are voting it is a useless one. Good drainage, plenty of air and sunshine, less road machine, more pick and shovel and you will have roads good enough for all practical purposes and you will save money. I am surprised at myself for the amount of assurance I display in offering advice to a Government which has had such a long experience. It is my intention if everything goes right to buy a farm. After I get



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