

The Legislative Council Election.

We are not aware that the electors of the First Legislative Council District asked Mr. P. R. Bowers to come and be their representative in the Legislative Council. On the contrary, we have heard several of the leading men of the district say that Mr. P. R. Bowers was not required by them. Indeed, from our own knowledge of the influential men of that large and populous section of the Province, we are morally certain that no stranger is required by the first Legislative Council District of King's County. Nor do we think it possible that a stranger who has not the manners to wait till he is asked to come out, but forces himself upon the District, will be elected. Least of all do we suppose it possible that Mr. P. R. Bowers will receive the confidence of the electors—unless, indeed, they wish to seal the doom of the Legislative Council—by lowering it in the eyes of the whole community.

By lowering the status of the Council in this way they will, however, lower themselves. It is, we presume, this reflection, more than any other, which has induced them to urge Mr. Campion to take the field, and it is probably this reflection which, more than any other, induces Mr. Campion to oppose the apology for a man who has forced himself upon the District of which Mr. Campion is a public-spirited native and leading resident.

The Stultified Grits.

The *Moncton Times* truly remarks that the people cannot too often be reminded of the unresting industry with which the Mackenzie-Blake patriots have stultified all the professions they made when in Opposition. It is a marvellous thing to contemplate. Purity and economy were their two great rallying cries, and the people were actually persuaded that offices would be lessened, taxes lowered, and corruption in elections abolished, when the "Reformers" should gain power. They declaimed so loudly against the number of officials in the Custom House, denounced so eloquently the magnitude of the salaries paid, and pleaded so pathetically for retrenchment, that it was supposed they would really, for a short time at least, reduce the expenditure. But they never attempted reduction. They never even made a pretence of abolishing offices which they had denounced as too high. They did not cut down the appropriations for "contingencies," "telegrams," "stationery," etc., which they had declared to be chiefly pickings and stealings, one cent. Instead of doing this they increased the number of officials, raised the salaries of many of them, and increased the expenditure in every branch of the public service. Proofs of this are afforded in every city of the Dominion. Look at St. John, for instance. Officials have been appointed where there were too many already, salaries have been raised, and officials have been superannuated to make room for others nearly as old as themselves. In Moncton the Thompson-Wallace affair is another example of the Grit facility for getting out of every difficulty by the creation of another office. The people at large should take these things into consideration, and rebuke, whenever the opening of a constituency gives them the chance, politicians so lost to all sense of shame and decency as to supplement their professions of purity and economy by the grossest corruption and extravagance.

Shorter Credit in Dry Goods.

The *Monetary Times* says: "A vigorous movement has been made by a number of the wholesale dry goods merchants in Montreal, towards shortening the term of credit to their customers and ending the unwise practice of dating goods forward. Several meetings have been held within the week, and after much discussion it was agreed by over twenty houses, who signed a document to that effect, that their terms of credit should henceforth be not larger than six months, and that spring goods should be dated not later than the 1st March, and fall goods 1st September. Also, that any goods sold after these dates should be charged from date of invoice. There were still some prominent houses whose signatures had not been obtained, and a fuller discussion of the subject was had on Monday and on Tuesday last, which resulted in the refusal of three firms to agree to the new policy. A committee was appointed to seek to influence these and the Quebec houses to adopt the policy proposed. It is to be regretted that the refusal of their co-operation by these three houses, which are among the oldest and strongest in the trade, is likely to bring to nought a movement which was certainly in the right direction, and was dictated by experience of the difficulties and absurdities of our system of crediting. These houses are rich enough to be sure, to buy where they please, and also they may consider, to sell as they like; and they may see the matter in a different light from the firms with a different class of trade. But it is possible to be too conservative.

While we are rejoiced to see concert amongst so many houses, as was shown by their signatures, we are doubtful of the efficacy of 'round robins' in a matter of the kind. It will probably be found that the only feasible method is for each house to do as the President of the last meeting resolved, i. e., 'paddle their own canoe,' in the direction of shorter credit, and no dating forward."

Of nearly 30,000 Satsuma rebels recently tried at Nagasaki, Japan, some three hundred were acquitted and some 36,000 pardoned. Twenty were fined, 117 deprived of rank, about 1,800 condemned to imprisonment and twenty ordered to be decapitated.

The King of Italy's Successor.

Prince Humbert, the successor of Victor Emmanuel, it is stated, is not popular with the Italian people. It even said that he has only the family virtue of physical courage, and that he has ill-treated his wife, Margherita, a daughter of the Duke of Genoa. She, on the other hand, has been always much and generally admired for her sweetness of character and for her sympathy with the wants and wishes of the people. Whenever she appeared in public she has been warmly received, while from her husband all demonstrations of regard have been usually withheld. Humbert has a son, so that the present Italian succession is in no danger of being broken.

The Failure List.

The failures in Canada during 1877 numbered, according to Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., 1,890, and the liabilities amounted to \$25,510,000, but an inconsiderable fraction less than the aggregate of last year. In 1872-3 and 4, the aggregate of failures was twenty-six and a half millions of dollars, but in 1875-6 and 7 it reached more than three times that sum, being, for

1875,	1,938	\$28,843,937
1876,	1,728	25,517,991
1877,	1,890	25,510,000
Total,	5,586	\$79,871,958

The *Monetary Times* says that the fact that there is an increase in number over the insolvencies of the previous year, and no appreciable decrease in amount, is but a gloomy commentary on the condition of our merchants; but there is a gleam of comfort to be found in the fact that the failures of the last quarter of the year are but 244 in number, and about \$4,606,000 in amount, a decided improvement on the previous quarters. We have not space to-day for extended remarks, but give below some particulars on the subject as to the Maritime Provinces during 1877:—

	Failures.	Amount.
Nova Scotia—1st Quarter,	39	\$ 509,490
2nd "	31	271,911
3rd "	19	94,125
4th "	27	310,907
	116	\$1,186,403
P. E. Island—1st Quarter,	5	\$104,900
2nd "	5	30,121
3rd "	4	29,000
4th "	9	76,954
	23	\$240,975

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of Correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

DEAR SIR,—Will Mr. A. McNeill, in his capacity of Manager of the Merchants' Reading Room, explain how it is that no English papers have been placed on file for the past month, during which time two English mails have been received. Is it because the three favorites of the room are allowed to have those papers, and any other they may desire, and keep them until they see fit to return them, that the members of the room are deprived of even a glimpse at them. In the Young Men's Christian Association they—and all other papers and magazines—are received regularly and placed on file punctually, and why not in our room?

A few years ago the room in question was the pride of Ch'town, and nothing afforded the writer more pleasure than to introduce strangers; but now its very appearance is disgraceful, the few papers which are received being thrown promiscuously on the tables—the task of filing generally being undertaken two days after their receipt. Why, no later than three weeks ago, I personally observed that your own journal was not on file for over seven consecutive days.

I could point out to you several more instances, and could particularize how those three favorites have the privilege of removing any or all of the papers in the room; and could bring witnesses to prove that it is quite a common occurrence for all of the latest papers to be removed on Saturday evening and not returned until the following Tuesday; but not wishing to occupy too much of your valuable space, I now call on Mr. McNeill either to remedy the defects, or call a meeting of the subscribers and explain how papers are not in their places as heretofore.

A MEMBER WHO PAYS IN ADVANCE.

EIGHT attachments in Ontario, seven in Quebec, two in Nova Scotia, one in P. E. Island, eighteen in all this week, of which four are general stores. Six assignments in Ontario, three in Quebec, and four out of the nine, general stores. There are no less than eight failures among shoe men and firms, the more prominent of which we note elsewhere. Messrs. John McDonald & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Halifax, have been served with a writ of attachment; Messrs. Cameron, McKenzie & Co., fancy goods dealers, of Montreal, are asking indulgence from European creditors, and a writ of insolvency has been issued against Messrs. W. F. Ross & Co., jewellers, of Toronto; Loch & Galbraith, liquors, Guelph, are compromising, and H. M. Hyam, St. Catharines, calls a meeting of his creditors.—*Monetary Times*.

We are pleased to learn that our old friend, J. H. Fletcher, Editor of the *Argus*, is to lecture on Friday evening next, in Ludlow Hall, under the auspices of the Summerside Reform Club. Subject:—"Random Slings at Giant Wrongs." This is Mr. Fletcher's best lecture, and has been very highly spoken of in the Nova Scotia papers. We are also glad to see that the committee have made the price of admission fee low—only 5 cents. We bespeak for Mr. Fletcher a full house, for his hearers may expect a treat.—*S. Journal*.

GREGORY was elected Mayor of Fredericton on the 14th inst., by a majority of three over Mr. Fenety.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

The Queen on the Eastern Question.

A DESPERATE BATTLE.

RETREAT ON ADRIANOPLE!

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Instructions relative to an armistice have reached the Russian commanders.

The Queen's Speech, yesterday, touching the Eastern Question, said that no efforts would be spared to bring about peace; but, should hostilities continue, we may require measures of precaution, and trusts that Parliament will supply the means.

The Indian famine is, happily, nearly at an end.

Suleiman Pasha, after fighting from Tatar Bazardjik to Philippopolis, found the Russians there in great force.

After a desperate battle on Thursday, he succeeded in clearing the road to Adrianople, continuing to retreat thither.

The Turkish loss at Shipka was four Pashas, two hundred and eighty officers, and 25,400 men.

Skobeloff has captured Vetranow.

Birth.

At Alberton, on the 12th inst., Mrs. Robert Bell, of a son.

Marriages.

At St. Eleanor's, on the 2nd January, by Rev. N. McKay, Mr. William Doherty to Miss Isabella Burns, both of St. Eleanor's.

At the Manse, Summerside, on the 10th inst., by Rev. N. McKay, Mr. Joseph D. Whitehead to Miss Eliza McEwen, both of New London.

Died.

On Friday, the 18th Jan., Margaret Leah, wife of Daniel Hodgson, Esq., aged 72 years.

At St. Eleanor's, on the 5th inst., after a few days illness, Mr. John Taunton, aged 75 years, deeply lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends.

At his residence, Lot 6, on the 8th January, 1878, James McNaught, aged 75 years, much regretted by his numerous friends. The decease was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and emigrated to this Island in the year 1824.

THE case of Ferguson vs. Welsh is still before the Supreme Court.

THE manufacture of paper from wood has reached the altitude of perfection in Canada. The superintendent of a mill up there says a tree is cut down and shoved into one end of the mill and five minutes later there is a neighbor at the other end to borrow it.—*Danbury News*.

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