

The Coming Eclipse.

THREE days before Christmas, this year, a total solar eclipse will take place. Astronomers tell us that it will be visible at sunrise in the Caribbean Sea, a little to the south of the island of Hayti, that it will skirt the coast of South America, cross the Atlantic and strike the western coast of Africa. It will then cross that continent, and will end at sunrise near the eastern coast of Africa, near St. Paul de Loanda. A large party of American astronomers, in the government ship Pensacola, left for Loanda over two months ago, and if the weather be propitious on Sunday next they will have an opportunity of seeing it and of making observations that will be looked forward to with interest by those at home. This will be the third total solar eclipse of the present year.

Coming Home.

A correspondent writes: With the Opposition the "exodus" whine is an old one now seldom indulged in unless some prominent one of their number takes it into his head to go. Then we hear it, but never a word have their organs to say about the scores of young men from this Province who go to the United States to seek their fortune, but who return after a while satisfied that with all its disadvantages there is no place like home. Only a few evenings ago on the eastern bound train were Ewen McPherson, Oscar Keefe, Edmund Keefe and Charles Townshend returning from the States whither they had gone not long since in search of employment. After getting there, however, they found that, all things considered, they could do far better at home, and so concluded to return. They appeared to be industrious, intelligent young men, and would no doubt have been only too glad to have bettered their circumstances in the neighboring Republic; but they could not. It is said that there are a number of persons from the Maritime Provinces in Boston at the present time, out of employment many of whom would come home again if they only had the means.

Hon. Mr. Colby's Views and Prospects.

On the occasion of the nomination in Stanstead, there was a great meeting of the electors, and speeches were delivered from both sides. The great popularity of the Government and Hon. Mr. Colby was apparent from the first. The speakers for the Opposition were heard with evident impatience. But Mr. Colby was received with cheers and listened to with the greatest attention. Concerning the question at issue—the ground of attack upon him—Mr. Colby said: "I did not discuss the Jesuits' Estates Bill on its merits in the House of Commons, and have never done so since. I said: 'If this be a question within the jurisdiction of the province of Quebec, we have no right to override the functions of the Legislature of Quebec,' and I have no desire to take back one word of anything I further said on that occasion."

Mr. Colby here turned round to Mr. Lebaron and Messrs. Davidson, Harper, Jones, and Galbraith, who were the only adversaries present in all the vast throng, and said, amidst round after round of applause: "I defy these gentlemen to go into any part of Stanstead and discuss this question, and their reception will probably be very little less cordial than that which they have experienced here to-day. I am not going to accept the opinions of a few clergymen on the constitutionality of the Jesuits' Estates Bill, and although I have the greatest respect for these gentlemen in their proper sphere, I will rather exercise my own judgment after passing twenty-two years in Parliament than depend too much upon theirs. I would rather stand by the vote of Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Thompson, Hon. Edward Blake and Hon. Mr. Mills, to whom I look for constitutional guidance, as I do these clergymen in spiritual affairs. (Loud and continued cheering.) You have been led to believe, gentlemen, that I stated what was false when I observed that I spoke for the Protestants of Quebec province, and furthermore that I had said the Protestants were satisfied with the bill."

Hon. Mr. Colby here quoted the following passages from his celebrated speech: "The Protestants of Quebec have never admitted that the Jesuits had any legal claims on their estates;" and again, "The Protestants of Quebec never admitted that the Jesuits had any moral claim upon their estates, and they had a very nauseous pill to swallow when the name of the Pope was inserted in the preamble of the bill. He would take the opportunity of saying to these men that he had come into the county of Stanstead as the self-constituted champions of Protestantism, that there were no more devoted Protestants in the Dominion than the members of that faith in this Province. They are the descendants of the old and truest types of Protestants, whose fathers fought and bled for the establishment of civil and religious liberty. No minority has ever been better treated, except during the two years of Mr. Mercier's rule, than the Protestant minority of Lower Canada. It is well understood that when exclusive Protestant measures came before the Quebec Legislature they are by mutual consent referred to the Protestant members only for consideration, and those Protestant members are always supposed to compose a standing committee on Protestant affairs. French Liberals had not been a-hamed to follow with devotion the Liberal banner held aloft by the Hon. H. S. Joly, a staunch Protestant, and when the Conservatives came into power we held the two most important portfolios in the Government, the Treasuryship by the Hon. James Robertson, and the other the Solicitor-Generalship by the Hon. W. H. Lynch."

A TRIBUTE TO THE FRENCH CANADIANS. "I have lived all my life," said the speaker, "alongside the French Canadians, and no one can say that they are an aggressive people, and I can tell you here to-day that if they did not follow the teachings which they learned at their mother's knee and from their priests, whom they revere, they would not be worthy of the illustrious names and martyrs which their French race has given to this Canada of ours. Let them alone; allow matters to settle down to their normal condition, and the two races will learn to respect and love each in the future as they have done in the past. These are my sentiments, and they are the same which I have always endeavored to inculcate into the minds of the Protestants and Catholics of Lower Canada."

The Patriot publishes a hearsay report of a passage between the Hon. D. Ferguson and Mr. John H. Bell before the Land Office Commission which lacks the essential element, as it is largely imaginary. Why didn't the Patriot send a reporter to report all the evidence taken by the Commission on 1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Grain Rust.

Sir,—Hon. Senator Haythorne, in the Patriot of the 12th inst., criticizes my statement that an abundance of potash alone in soil will not save grain from rust. I gave an instance, from Liebig, of a soil which contained a large proportion of potash, and was yet noted for producing rusty grain. I thought, and still think, that this is good proof that an abundance of potash in the soil will not of itself save grain from rust.

Mr. Haythorne then states that the presence of phosphate of iron in a soil produces rust. Now, it so happens, that phosphate of iron is one of those products of chemical action found only in marshy and boggy soils. It occurs in connection with bog iron ore (Thomson). Any soil which contains this material in a natural state is of that wet, retentive character which, by virtue of its moisture alone is favorable to the production of rust. Liebig's health soil No. 12 is of this character, and when a portion of it sufficient to make a soil 15 inches deep, and extensive enough to bear two distinct kinds of grain, was removed to another locality, it carried all its physical properties with it, and still held twice as much moisture as the dry soil around it. It was this extra moisture, and not the occurrence of poisonous "blue iron earth" in the soil which favored the production of rust.

We have before us two agents said to produce rusted grain. It is certain that whichever is the true agent it must be present where rust occurs. In every instance we will find that an extra development of rust has been accompanied with an unusual quantity of moisture, either atmospheric or terrestrial. But we can point to ten thousand instances where rust has occurred, and there is no blue iron earth in the soil.

I may say that it is scarcely worth discussing the rust question on Liebig's basis, for Liebig wrote before the true nature of the rust plant was made known by DeBary and his successors.

F. BAIN.

New Men in Congress.

A writer in the Philadelphia Press has written a long letter descriptive of the new men in Congress now convened at Washington. There are in the House 118 new members. Here is what he says about some of them: "Herman Stump, of Maryland, is a handsome old school gentleman, a bachelor with a snowy white mustache and kindly countenance." H. P. Cheatham, from North Carolina, is the only negro Congressman in the House. T. H. Paynter, of Kentucky, is described as 'tall and lanky, and dresses like a wood-chopper.' John M. Clancey, of New York, is set down as a fine generous fellow 'with a heart as big as a cow's.' David B. Bruner is a big, hearty, wise old man. John Quinn, of New York, we are told, 'has a bucketful of raw brains and can talk on all occasions.' And thus the writer in the Press discusses the assembled wisdom of his countrymen.

News Notes.

Hog cholera prevails in several districts in Kansas.

The consumption of tobacco is reported to be increasing in France.

The military works at Halifax are being overhauled and strengthened.

Seven of Philadelphia's best known physicians have signed a recommendation that all Schuykill drinking water be boiled before being used.

It is announced from Rio Janeiro that the jewels belonging to the Empress, among which were the finest Brazilian diamonds in the world, have been stolen.

BIG WORK AT BLACKSMITHING.—Charles A. Dutney, blacksmith, St. Louis, Kent Co., N. B., shod nineteen horses in eleven hours the other day, without an assistant; he also succeeded in shoeing ninety-seven horses in eight days.

HE DESERVES PITY.—The merchant who at this season sits in the back end of his store and grows because he has no trade, while his neighbors all around him are bustling to wait on their customers, is the man who will tell you that advertising is a waste of money.

HEAVY FAILURE.—A Montreal despatch says: The failure of the Mullarkys, boot and shoe manufacturers, is worse than first announced. Their liabilities almost foot up \$200,000. The largest creditor is the Merchants' Bank, \$57,000, the largest part of which is secured.

HONESTY DOUBLY REWARDED.—A Kentville, N. S., paper says: A man lately bought a pocket book at Stewart's drug store, and when he arrived at home and opened it he discovered that it contained a \$20 bill, which he immediately returned to the store. As a reward for his honesty Mr. Stewart not only told him to keep the money but gave him a dose of pills too.

A CRANE'S WILL.—The will of the late Captain H. Smith, of Hagerstown, Md., who recently died in Kansas City, has been probated. He left about \$50,000. A peculiar provision of the will is that the funeral expenses shall not exceed \$30, and that his body shall be wrapped in a cloth, packed in a coffin containing unslaked lime and that some one be paid \$5 to pour water on the lime until the body is consumed.

TEA AND FANCY SALE.

THE "GIRLS' BAND" intend holding a Tea and Fancy Sale in Zion Church Basement on FRIDAY, December 20th. Doors open at 2 p. m. Admission, 10 cents. Tea and admission 25 cents.

ANNA FRASER, Secretary. Dec 16 th dte.

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