

The British Elections.

With forty more seats to hear from, the majority against Home Rule is 133; so that, notwithstanding Mr. Gladstone's great popularity, the cause he espoused is for a time, at least—lost.

The majority is made up of 308 Conservatives and 75 Liberal-Unionists; and the minority of 170 Gladstone Liberals and 80 Parnellites. Apart from the Parnellites, the parties stand: Conservatives, 308; Liberals, 245. But counting the Parnellites in with the Liberals, the Liberals have a majority of 17.

But a coalition between Lords Salisbury and Hartington is reported, and will probably take place; so that it is more than probable that Salisbury, as Leader of the Conservative party, will have a good working majority for carrying on the general business of the new Parliament.

That the Conservative Leader will occupy a very difficult position goes without saying. Gladstone, Parnell, and their lieutenants will make up a very formidable Opposition, while a great deal of educating must be done before the Liberal wing will fly well in Conservative air.

Salisbury may, however, be expected to bear himself prudently. His last short administration was a good one. In foreign affairs it was strong and respected; in domestic affairs there was not much friction; and Ireland was as well satisfied with Carnarvon as it was possible for her to be under the existing order of things.

The struggle between landlord and tenant, capital and labor, rich and poor, throughout Great Britain, which is growing fiercer every day and has now almost reached the crisis, will favor Salisbury at least for a time, for it will bring to his side many of the great landowners who have in the past supported the Liberal Party. "Unity is strength," "self-preservation is the first law of life;"—and we shall presently see the landowners and capitalists of Great Britain rallying and uniting as a class to resist a mighty attack upon their privileges and their rights. Of this movement, Salisbury will, of course, make the best use; and it is more than probable that he will be able for some years, to hold together a sufficient following. In the meantime, the people of Great Britain may be educated up to Home Rule.

The Big Fire of 1866.

On the 15th July, 1866, twenty years ago to-day, the citizens of Charlottetown were aroused from their slumbers, at an early hour, by the clamorous twanging of the old firebell. For a few weeks previous there had been great excitement in the city. Fires had been of almost nightly occurrence and as incendiarism was more than suspected, vigilance committees had been formed for every three or four blocks, whose duty it was to patrol those blocks at night, and arrest any one whose mother "did not know he was out." At that time our city fire appliances were of the most primitive description, consisting merely of a few old hand engines, through which the water leaked faster than you could put it in; a ten foot ladder; ten-foot poles, (painted red) for the fire wardens, and a fireman's helmet for the chief engineer. When a fire warden grasped his emblem of authority, the pole above mentioned—he had about all he could attend to, for the time being. These appliances, owned by the city, were supplemented by about forty-seven three-quart leather buckets, owned, or claimed to be owned, by private individuals, and adorned with the owner's name painted thereon. As there was a fine exacted from every household not provided with one of these buckets, very many changes in ownership took place during the progress of a fire, and many of the buckets were held together only by the paint which had been applied to "paint out the old and paint in the new" owner's name. The active force consisted of whatever luckless individuals happened to be within hailing distance, or could be scared up when an alarm was given. These were expected to and made drag the engines to the scene of a fire, and then form a line to the nearest pump and endeavor to perform the perfectly hopeless task of attempting to fill the sieve-like engines with what water remained in the three-quart buckets after they had been pitched from hand to hand along a line some one or two blocks in length. Activity was inspired by a gentle reminder in the shape of a tap on the head from one of the poles in the hands of the fire-wardens, and when wearied nature asserted her rights, and one could work no longer, he was generally escorted to the police station and charged with "refusing to assist," the wardens being "monarchs of all they surveyed" for the time being. Under such auspices the fire of 1866 began.

It was a hot, dusty Sunday morning, the weather had been dry for some weeks and everything was like tinder. The fire broke out in a small building situated on the south east corner of King and Pownall Streets. Fanned by a vigorous breeze, which was then blowing, the flames spread rapidly, and building after building went down before the raging element until at ten o'clock in the morning, some five hours after the alarm was given, the blocks had been al-

most entirely destroyed. The fire ran along Pownall St. from Dorchester to Water, along Water to Queen, up Queen to Dorchester, then crossed Queen and began on the opposite side and swept through to Great George Street. In all 110 buildings were destroyed. The total loss was estimated at about £200,000 (old currency) or about \$200,000, and the insurance was about a third of that amount. Some fifty families were rendered homeless, and the old Athenaeum (then the Temperance Hall) was pressed into service as a temporary barracks for their shelter. The soldiers then stationed in Victoria Barracks rendered good service, and to their efforts mainly was due the staying of the flames. Special exertions were made to save the Roman Catholic Chapel, which were happily successful, as had that taken fire it was believed that nothing could have saved the remainder of the city. The only buildings left standing on the four blocks attacked were the Bonded Warehouse on Water St. (still extant) the old Osborne House, a small shanty where THE EXAMINER OFFICE now stands, the house in rear of THE EXAMINER OFFICE on Great George St., Reddin's barn (where the Bishop's Palace now stands) and a house on Dorchester St. in rear of the Palace.

King Street was at that time known as "Truck St.," and was but little better than an alleyway to horse stables. Cleanliness of person and belongings of the denizens thereof, was more honored in the breach than in the observance, and the cleaning out of Truck St. was more of a blessing than a misfortune. No human lives were lost. The lamented John LePage, described the fire in a lengthy poem, a few stray verses from which we append:

A hundred roofs in ruin flare— 'Tis vain to think on names— Alas! for teeming millions there, TRUCK STREET is all in flames!

One blackened scene is all between That meets the astonished eye: Save Peake's brick warehouse, two whole blocks In smoking debris lie!

With all its neighboring range and how The flames again extend! Two other blocks are burning now, Where shall this ruin end?

Up 't up the hill to Great George Street The fire has made its way; But there, thank God, for mercy great The flames their fury stay.

Some say the Bishop turned the flame, Well if that tale be true, I'll not object, in worder's name, To thank the Bishop too.

For had the large Cathedral caught, And burnt from steeple down, We might have said, as ruin spread, Good-bye to Charlottetown.

Election Returns.

FOLLOWING are the complete returns for PRINCE COUNTY.

FIRST DISTRICT.

	Perry.	Matheson.	Gavin.
Nail Pond	95	62	113
Palmer Road	200	132	158
Tignish Station	84	59	113
Green Mount	107	70	183
Dock Road	100	135	72
Bloomfield	136	172	84
Alberton	157	168	111
Mimingash	60	75	38
Casumpec Village	81	88	54
Kildare	5	5	16
Special votes	22	26	20
Total	1067	992	980

THIRD DISTRICT.

	Arsemaunt.	Montgomery.	McDonald.
Wellington, Lot 14	73	74	19
Grand River	48	49	85
Egmont Bay	178	201	6
Fifteen Point	71	88	15
Wellington, Lot 16	71	83	12
Lot 16	136	30	71
Malpeque	123	91	217
Special votes	24	13	16
Total	621	639	441

FOURTH DISTRICT.

	Bentley.	Holland.	Burns.	Ball.
Kensington	133	112	93	89
Traveller's Rest	31	41	73	73
Freetown	69	52	133	115
Centreville	67	64	85	78
Newton	84	80	22	18
Seartown	45	62	56	70
Somerses	120	113	16	22
Cape Traverse	67	71	48	72
Tryon	66	56	142	148
Special votes	18	16	29	30
Total	720	667	697	715

FIFTH DISTRICT.

	Leffingey.	Gillis.	McMillan.	Hovatt.
Summerside	282	249	294	203
St. Eleanors	46	37	77	69
Missouche	152	152	36	33
Special votes	34	43	53	49
Total	514	468	460	354

Str.—Will some one of your readers kindly divide the number 9 into three square integers, and generalize the result. Yours truly, F.

Retsgab's Notes by the Way.

TO leave in the grey dawn before any one is astir is one of those peculiar incidents, that prevents many of the painful feelings that gather round the evening of a rogre t-d do, attire—one feels the coolness of the air but remembers that those who would warm it with their friendly adieux are warm in bed, and in blissful ignorance of a time occurring to "speed the parting guest!"

The recall of the S. S. Miramichi rendered leaving by the iron horse to join the boat at Summerside unnecessary, as the word was, to go aboard in Charlottetown. The trip therefore began at home, and in the night. The moon was too young to shine freely and illumine the start, but the vessel was aglow with human kindness and the moonshine was left to grow for future use along the glorious waters of the St. Lawrence, the scenery about which, with its tens of thousands of white dwellings, its inlets, bays, waterfalls and picturesque features, was worthy of as much specification as usually is bestowed on less important districts of travel. We fairly gawked it all the way. The inner and the outer man were regaled to the full. Plenty to eat of the best, with abundance to see from the deck, made the upper and lower departments of the good steamer Miramichi unexceptionably desirable. Were the comforts of this line and the pleasures of this route realized by the general tourist, there would not be an empty berth from the opening of navigation to the close. There is, however, a selfish gladness that comes over us when we find plenty of room aboard, and the pleasures of a few companion voyagers to sit with and talk to at disposal. No seasickness to quail the intercourse, no noisy deckers to keep you awake, and no barrier to anything. Freedom and salt water, the one above and the other below seems to enjoy the travelers reish along with him, and form a trio of mutual indebtedness. Many trips however may be taken when many unlooked for disturbances crop up to spoil anticipations, but such was not the case aboard the Miramichi, and along the Upper St. Lawrence, last week. It may have been sheer luck, or it may be the result of design, but nothing is more certain than, that it was—wholly enjoyable. It is no use naming the various agencies at work, such as effective officers, polite attentions, and good attendance. All of us agreed together to pronounce it, like a long ago creation for errant man "very good."

As all the places along the route, as well as the ancient city of Quebec, and the fully-abreast-of-the-times city of Montreal, is much noted in the Guide Books of the Dominion, they may be left out of Retsgab's notes. Number two will probably follow from Thunder Bay, after the lakes are gone over.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN. ENTERED.

July 12—We Are Here, Langille, Pictou; Mevill, Delroy, Georgetown. 12—str. Willoughby, Lantz, Point Prim; Pholine, Marshman, Bactouche; Laura C. Pollard, Northport.

July 14—Morning Star, McMahon, Shemogue; Mary May, McKay, Pictou.

July 12—St. Martin's Packet, LeBlanc, Shediac; Cora, Thorp, Pictou; We are Here, Langill, Montague; Zeland, Cook, Pugwash; William, Lavache, Lingan; str. Carroll, Brown, Boston; Morell, Delong, Mimingash; Hattie, Wise, Rustico. 12—str. Willoughby, Lantz, Point Prim; Grezeld, Banting, Lingan; Industry, Davies, Davies; Banting, Laura C. Pollard, Northport; Maggie Jane, Vincent, Richibucto; Hattie, May, Launching Bay. 14—Emma, Boudreau, Pictou; Ida May, Forrest, Lingan; P. L. G. Anderson, Pictou; Morning Star, McMahon, Shemogue; Merry May, McKay, Rustico.

OTHER PORTS.

Summerside, July 13—Ent Lodi, Green, Pictou, coal; Send, Graham, Richibucto, lum; W Wright, Bellisle, Buctouche, do; Wolverine, Annett, Gaspe, do; Josephine, Richard, Shemogue, do. 13—Old, Richard Thompson, Walsh, Pictou, bal; Lodi, Green, Pictou, do; Send, Graham, Richibucto, do. 14—Josephine, Richard, Shemogue, do. 14—Port Mulgrave, July 13—Passed South from North Bay—sch. Cardigan (new) P. E. I., for St. John's, Nfld.

Passed in at Cape Henry, July 9—Bark Charles E. Leturkey, Reed, from Hamburg for Baltimore.

Barbadoes, June 22—Ar. brig. Ida Maud, Purdy, Summerside.

St. Peter's, C. B. July 12—Passed through Canal: schrs. Minnie R. McKenzie, McNeill, Charlottetown to Marble Mountain; Lusteria, Porrier, Glace Bay to Charlottetown; Clementina, McDonald, Georgetown to Marble Mountain.

North Sydney, C. B. July 12—Ar. sch. Charles Frederick, Charlottetown; old on 10th sch. Scotia, Charlottetown.

New York, July 9—Old bark Lady Nairn, Richards, Exmouth.

Penarth Roads, July 9—Ar. brig. L. J. Westaway, Buchanan, Charlottetown.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OSBORNE HOUSE. July 12—William McKay, Summerside; Miss Green, do; W A Brown, do; Miss Small, do; W H Findley, do; D McGillivray, Cherry Valley; J H Bourke, Mill View; L P Cullman, Nova Scotia; J H Hewitt, Buffalo, N Y; J Robertson, Kingsborough; W H Shaw, New York; Murdoch McLeod, Clifton; Archy McKay, do; Norman Nicholson, Stanley Bridge. 13—H B McKay, Clifton; N McLeod, Orwell; Jas McKay, West Cape; D McCullum, New Glasgow, N. S. B. Stewart, Strathgartney; Annie R McKay, Clifton; Margaret A. McKay, do; E B Cogswell, Cornwallis, N S; E M Sippill, St. John, N B; H H Allingham, Fort Worth, Texas; J O Arsenault, Wellington; J F Forbes, Durham, N S; Mrs Forbes, do; Edwin Clay, Dundas.

BANKEN HOUSE. July 14—T G Whitfield, Montreal; J Corbin, Chicago; Andrew Green, do; Miss Bertha Allen, New Bedford, Mass; George D Allen, do; E Goddie, Winchester, Mass; E B Riley, do; G B Riley, do; Chas Minto, Montreal; Frank B Street, do; J Bourgoin, do; J R Redmond, do; H F Kirton, Halifax, N S; J B Latcher, do; W M Johnston, Toronto; Rev C W Dockrill and wife, Manchester, N H; J A Lennon, Truro; Mrs L J Murray, do; Mrs and Mr Kennedy and family, Scotland; C A Brown, St. John, N B; O B Lavitt, do; A B Cannott, do; J M McLeod, Arichat; F A Marr, do; Joseph Read, Summerside; H Beckwith, wife and three children, Fredericton, N B; Miss C F McGillivray, Boston; Miss E S Brooks, do; F of Corey, Portland, Me.

Doings In and Around Souris.

Tourists are beginning to find out the natural advantages of Souris as a summer resort. The delightful scenery, the bracing air and the numerous fishing rendezvous, are attracting many pleasure seekers from the Provinces and the United States.

Souris is well supplied with hotels. There are three first class hotels. The Sea View, run on strictly first class principles, and Mrs. Cox is pre-eminently a model hostess. The visitor here can have anything he desires in season and out of season. The Russell House and its obliging proprietor, Mr. Stephen McLean, and the Stone Hotel, where Mrs. Stone will cater to the wants of the most fastidious. These two hotels are large, roomy and well fitted up, and every precaution taken that the "inner man" shall not be neglected.

There are numerous places near Souris where most inviting trout can be angled for. There is Block Pond, about three miles east, Big Pond, about nine miles north, Rollo Bay and Bay Fortune, about five miles, and last but not least North Lake, only fifteen miles, just a nice drive. In all and every one of these places the finest trout can be secured at any time in the day and late at night without the least difficulty. A sail in the pleasant harbor of Souris is also something to be envied.

Capt. Scott, of the steamer Lansdowne, was at the Russell House here for several days last week. Judge Young was at Stone's Hotel on Saturday. He left on a drive to the country Saturday afternoon.

Matthew McLean & Co. have fitted out the schooner Lorraine for seining mackerel. McDonald, McDonald & Co. have also fitted out a schooner for the same purpose, and contemplate sending outside another in a few days.

Capt. Dennis Costello has been in the Bay for the last three weeks, and has made some good hauls.

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Fearful Slaughter in our Tailoring Department.

Children's All-wool Suits, \$3.50, worth \$5. Men's All-wool Oxford Suits, \$6, worth \$8. Men's Black Worsteds Suits, \$5, worth \$7.50. Men's Navy Blue Suits, \$4, worth \$6.50. Men's All-wool Tweed Suits, \$5, worth \$8.50. Men's Black Worsteds Suits, \$3, worth \$4. Men's Fancy Tweed Suits, \$11, worth \$14. Men's All-wool Tweed Pants, \$1.75, worth \$2.40. Men's All-wool Tweed Coats, \$3, worth \$4. Men's All-wool Tweed Vests, \$1.25, worth \$1.75. Ladies' 4-Clasp Gloves (in kid), 75cts, worth \$1.40. Ladies' 4-Button Dent's Gloves, 50cts, worth \$1. American Dress Gingham, 10cts, worth 15cts. American Prints, 5cts, worth 10cts. Canadian Heavy Prints, 7cts, worth 10cts. Very stylish Bustles, only 18.15, worth 40cts. Very Stylish Corsets, only 6cts, worth 15cts. American Hoop-skirts, 25cts, up. Very Heavy Ticking, only 10cts. Very Heavy 36-inch Gray Cotton, only 5cts. American Felt Hats, 50cts, up. American Straw Hats, 2 cts, up. Large sized Trunks, 80cts, up. Ladies' Hosiery, 10cts, up. Ladies' Collars, 6cts, up. Ladies' Gossamer, \$1, up. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 5cts, up. A Large Stock of Tweeds, 10cts, up. Tryon Tweeds and other goods exchanged for Wool.

Carriage Linen Dusters, 75cts, up. Carriage Wraps and Rubber Aprons, \$3.25 cts, up. Shirting Gingham, 9cts, up. Men's India Gauze Shirts and Drawers, 40cts.

REID BROS.

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TO be Sold on WEDNESDAY, 28th July, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., that valuable BUILDING and LAND, situate at Kensington, at junction of Malpeque, New London and Summerside Roads, suitable for Warehouse, Shop or Canning Establishment, being for seven years used in the latter capacity, and one of the best business stands in that thriving town. Also, valuable Building Lot in rear, to be sold either in connection with, or separate from, Building and Lot.

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