

There was a time when the probability of a man commending him to popular suffrage. There was a time when our Government, like the ark of the Lord, was too precious and sacred a thing to be profaned by the basest of any but the wisest and the virtuous.

But we, living long in the materialism of the age, have lost the respect of our law and our order and our discipline; men ride into Congress on a wave of their own vanity; the wearing virtues of honor, temperance and chastity, have been wiped from our catalogue of official requisites; it is a man can rot fastly in the advance of the popular will.

The starting progress of this demoralization in politics, of which the nomination of John Morrissy is a legitimate consequence, is shown by the printed apparatus. There is nothing but a run and a delusion at the end of the road we are travelling. It is unprofitable to speculate as to the causes of this state of things; there is no time for argument or ratiocination; the evil grows while we debate, and will overwhelm us.

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which number but 74 were killed. This estimate does not include the men on board the Rio Janeiro, blown up by the enemy; and it is, perhaps, not entirely reliable, as the statistics were probably with every account previously given of the Brazilian loss. The fort of Curuzú was not taken by assault, as Mitre would seem to infer from his report. After the loss of the battery was given up, the Portuguese soldiers killed several survivors and many Brazilians. The whole place was mined, and it is said a Paraguayan Colonel touched the match to the magazine.

Valuable for the horse as it is for man, Hood's Rheumatic Compound and Pain Killer is the best article that can be used for sprains, strains, and saddle galls, and may be given internally when any stimulating remedy is needed.

Antimony, quinine, mercury and calomel, enter into the composition of most of the cathartic pills now offered to the people. Parson's Purgative Pills are composed of cathartics used and approved by all good medical practitioners.

The following note from the Reporter of the House of Assembly will account for the delay in publishing the Speech of the Hon. T. Heath Haviland, delivered last Session on the Confederation question, and which now appears on our fourth page. We very much regret that this able speech did not come in the regular order of publication.—Ed. Ex'n.

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LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. Fifty thousand people assembled at Jones' Wood-ward-street, to hear Stephen's last speech in America. He said he would return to Ireland, where he would strike a blow for Ireland before the dawn of the new year.

An army of 50,000 was organized there, who rejected the political dictation of the British Government. He urged the same disposition upon his officers, but concealed them to respect in all that pertains to their special calling as spiritual advisers.

The Herald's Toronto special says, the grand order of the Fenians in the United States are having a bad effect upon the Fenian cause, among the Fenians who suffer from want of clothing. Large Fenian meetings were held in Chicago and Buffalo yesterday, denouncing the Canadian Government and threatening retaliation.

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News by Saturday Night's Mail.

The Halifax Chronicle says of the recent gale:—The captain of the brig Wanderer, which vessel was driven ashore off the harbor on Sunday, states that the gale was one of the most terrific he ever experienced, and is of opinion many of the vessels off the coast must have been either lost, or badly damaged.

A correspondent of the Citizen, writing from Barrington, gives a melancholy account of the wreck of vessels belonging to that locality, with the loss of thirty-eight lives—leaving twenty-eight widows and sixty-five orphans—by the hurricane of the 22nd ult. The four vessels lost were the schooner, the brig, the schooner, and the schooner.

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The Nassau Guardian gives a long account of the recent hurricane which swept over the Bahamas. In Nassau some of the total loss is as follows: Houses destroyed, 617; do. damaged, 1,000; do. damaged, 1,000; do. damaged, 1,000; do. damaged, 1,000.

From the out-Island the following are some of the results reported: Abaco, Green Turtle Cay, 40 dwellings blown down; Andros Island, New's Town, all but six dwellings blown down; New Providence, 100 dwellings blown down; Grand Bahama, 100 dwellings blown down; Exuma, 100 dwellings blown down; Eleuthera, 100 dwellings blown down; Cat Island, 100 dwellings blown down; Harbour Island, 100 dwellings blown down; Long Island, 100 dwellings blown down; New York, 100 dwellings blown down; North Andros, 100 dwellings blown down; Ragged Island, 100 dwellings blown down; San Salvador, 100 dwellings blown down; Spanish Wells, 100 dwellings blown down; West End, 100 dwellings blown down; West Inagua, 100 dwellings blown down; Westmoreland, 100 dwellings blown down; Whitehall, 100 dwellings blown down; Yamacraw, 100 dwellings blown down.

The remains of Mr. Peter Stewart McNeill, son of Mr. McNeill, Esq., of Charlotteville, P. E. I., were followed to their final resting place, Camp Hill Cemetery, on Sunday last, by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances, among all of whom the deceased was held in very high esteem. He was a member of the Scottish Volunteer Rifles, and as such deservedly respected for his genial disposition and friendly manner among his comrades. This company attended the funeral in force and in full uniform, as well as members of the Volunteer Artillery and Halifax Rifles.—Halifax Reporter.

P. E. Island produce is arriving in large quantities. No less than seven vessels with potatoes, oats, etc., came in to-day from the Island.—Halifax Reporter, Oct. 30.

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Charlottetown, November 5, 1866.

We are informed, on good authority, that up to Saturday last there was an communication from the Canadian Government to the Government of this Colony, touching the proposal to give a FREE GIFT of \$800,000, on the occasion of our joining the proposed Confederation of the British American Provinces. The Canadian Government do not appear to care much for our alliance, or they would not so remain in giving an affirmative or negative answer to the proposal in which they have been asked to concur, and for the consideration of which, we think, they have had ample time. Well, if they do not accept the proposal, which we do not at all regard in the nature of a "bribe," but as a just concession to the claims of the Colony—it is very evident that Prince Edward Island will be more determined against Confederation than ever it has yet been. If the \$800,000 can be secured, each in hand, for the relief of our hapless tenants, and the full and final settlement of our long vexed Land Question—and the people of this country should reject the offer, they can do so, no doubt, and they will only have themselves to blame for a continuance of the poverty and discontent which prevail among the tenant population of this country. Fine sentimental nonsense about receiving a "bribe" in exchange for the modification of our wonderful constitutional privileges will not take much effect on the thinking portion of the community. We all know that the principal ground of complaint against Confederation, during the last two years, has been that we were not offered £200,000 sterling to go into the general plan—that, in short, we were not fairly treated in the money arrangement; and now, when there is a proposal to get nearly all we asked for, and more than most of us expected, will the people throw the gift away from sentimental humbug and nonsense about "bribes"?

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