

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PROCESSION.—The Legislature of Quebec was pronounced on the 28th ult.

MR. HUNTER'S—of Pacific Railway history—has been made a Cabinet Minister and President of the Council.

THE ALBION for February has been received. There is much beauty and artistic excellence in it.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.—The Presbytery of Halifax has unanimously approved of the union of the Kirk of Scotland and the Canada Presbyterian Church.

ANOTHER SASKY PROPHECY. Lieutenant Saksy predicts an enormous rise of the tide over all the world, and chiefly north of the line, on the 20th March next.

IN A despatch to the News, it is reported that Sir John A. McDonald was mobbed in the streets of Toronto. It is also reported that the windows of the Toronto Globe office were smashed in by a mob.

THE new Episcopal Minister, who has just arrived from England, Rev. Mr. McLean, preached a very able and eloquent sermon last Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Summerside.

GOOD YIELD OF WHEAT.—Mr. J. Edward Page raised, last season, eighty bushels of excellent wheat as the produce of six, thus showing the effect of cultivating well and using good seed. —Amherst Gazette.

A POISONING CASE IN ST. JOHN.—The St. John News has a report of the poisoning of a woman named Mary Ann Burns, by a man (whose name is not given) who had promised to marry her. The woman went to a doctor, and was treated and recovered.

A LAW SOCIETY—having for its objects the discussion of legal, literary and political questions, professional improvements, and the cultivation of a greater esprit de corps among its members—has been established, or rather reorganized in Halifax, N. S.

DISSEMINATING SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the Disseminating Church Society, will be held in St. Paul's School-room, on Wednesday evening next (4th February), at half past seven o'clock.

A CENTENARIAN.—On the 23rd inst., Mr. Peter Bollow, of Lot 49, died at the age of one hundred and six years. The old gentleman was hale and hearty up to a few days before his death.

PAINTED.—As Mr. Brooks, of Fifteen Point, was on his way to Summerside, on Monday, he got into the ice, and lost his horse and sleigh. We are very sorry to learn that he was severely injured at the elbows severely. —Journal.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—The students of St. Dunstan's College will for the benefit of the poor, give a musical entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. Admission—Reserved seats, 50 cents. Unreserved seats, 25 cents.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—A young married lady, of moderate means, Mrs. Jessie E. Burill, formerly of Maine, but now of Massachusetts, was much surprised a few days ago at a bequest of \$50,000 from a very old and eccentric bachelor uncle, a resident of Montreal for about forty years.

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REMEMBER "Fenny Readings," at St. Peter's Schoolroom, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening.

"LIKELY TO RECOVER"—Such is the report about McLaughlin, who was stabbed through the left lung last week.

ACCIDENT.—While in the Skating Ring on Monday evening last, Mr. W. H. Wilson, of the Customs Department, accidentally fell and had his right arm shattered.

SCREW.—On Sunday last, the 24th inst., Mrs. Donald McLean, Douse's Road, (near Montague) committed suicide by hanging herself. The unfortunate woman laboured under a fit of insanity.

FIRE.—On the morning of Saturday, the 17th inst., the workshop of Mr. Albert Baker, Carriage and Sleigh Builder, of Melville, Lot 60, was consumed by fire, together with its contents, consisting of all his tools, a new threshing machine, two sets fanners, and a quantity of lumber. As the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered, it was impossible to save anything. Loss, about \$600. —Herald.

DROWNED.—Two persons—Mrs. C. Lane and child—were drowned in the East River, on Saturday last. They were going home from town, accompanied by Mr. Lane, when the horse they drove broke through the ice, and they were drawn into the water. Mr. Lane made every possible exertion to rescue his wife and child, but was unsuccessful. Their bodies were recovered next day.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.—A large and influential meeting was held in Grand Hall, Orwell, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That it is the decided opinion of this meeting that a Bridge between the Irish Wharf, Orwell, and Davis Point, would facilitate travel and add to the shipping interest, affording additional accommodations; and that they request their representatives to do all in their power to obtain from the Government a sum sufficient to build it; also, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Press, Examiner, and other newspapers.

A public meeting was held at the Bank Building, Rustico, on the evening of the 22nd ult. The Land Question was discussed and resolutions passed. A meeting was held at Crapaud on the 19th ult. Resolutions requesting a dredge-barge to deepen Crapaud harbor, and the immediate settlement of the Land Question, were passed.

SUPREME COURT.—The Supreme Court is still sitting. All the business before it will not, probably, be completed for several days. Among the cases tried was that of John F. Robertson, assignee of J. C. Hall and others, vs. James D. McDonald, of Souris East, a suit to recover \$129, book account,—verdict for the defendant, \$37.50. For the plaintiff Almer & Davies, for the defendant Palmer & McLeod. On Saturday the convicted criminals were brought up to the dock. Chas. McKay, convicted of larceny,—stealing a box of contents—was sentenced for six months imprisonment. Mr. Palmer, counsel for Thomas Matlock, motioned for a new trial of the case. The motion is under consideration. Mr. Shaw, counsel for William Currie, convicted of larceny, moved for a new trial. This motion is also under consideration.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

VERY LATEST.

By Telegraph to News Room and Examiner.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The election, so far, have resulted as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Party. Includes South Ontario, Cameron, Min. and others.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN ONTARIO.—Late despatches from various parts of Western Ontario, state that the greatest freshets known for many years have visited the whole country. Bridges, dams, and in some instances, houses were carried away. At London, the suburbs were flooded higher than at any time for forty years. The water in the Thames rose so rapidly that houses in the lowland were flooded before the occupants were aroused. Many were rescued in boats with much difficulty. Some live stock and a vast quantity of movable property was swept away. Three bridges in the city were carried down the river.

"MURDER LOVES COMPANY."—It may comfort many residents of this city to know that mud and darkness prevail in St. Louis as well as in Charlottetown. It is reported that people in St. Louis complain because their water is too thick and their gas too thin! The water of Charlottetown is so impure that persons with sensitive stomachs sicken when they drink it. The gas of Charlottetown is so thin, that the street lamps have not been lighted since November. The mud of Charlottetown, where there is no platform, is so thick and so deep, that every time there is a line of persons, their members in the street. And yet Charlottetowners don't complain. Long-suffering people! But, then, the city debt is only about \$15,000! How comforting!

AGRIC.—The New York Clipper of Saturday, 17th, contains the following in reference to George Brown's challenge to the carmen of America to row a five-mile race at either Springfield, River Charles, or the Kennebecasis, for \$2,000 a side:—

"A week has elapsed since the publication of George Brown's sweeping challenge to the carmen of America, and as yet no acceptor has appeared. Why is this so? Are those who have been talked so loudly about champion rowers fearful of the result of a meeting with the strong-armed and well-killed Halifax sculler, or are backers difficult to find? The public will think it very strange that the British, in particular, has neglected to avail himself of an opportunity which he professes to covet so much, and which he could have carried off with ease, if he had the championship to be made good through the fault of others."

Henry Coulter, of Toronto, C. W., formerly of Pittsburgh, and champion of America, has issued a card in reply to the Nova Scotia champion, that he will row Brown for \$1,000 and the championship of America, the race to take place on the same course as that upon which the National College Regatta will be rowed this year. Three days after or three days before said regatta, or on Toronto Bay. Each may pay his own expenses. If his terms suit, he calls upon Brown to send a letter to W. H. H. Smith, and he will forward it.

The Chronicle says George Brown visited the skating oval at Pictou, on Friday night and he and his boat were the objects of much curiosity. The champion was loudly cheered. An elegant silver tea service was presented to him by his friends in Pictou, as a token of admiration for his courage, pluck and honesty.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KING'S COUNTY NOMINATION.

DEAR SIR:—It is some time since I promised to send you an occasional item of local news; but we have little time to devote to literature at present. Besides, the country news, written by a country lad, could have little interest for city folks.

I am now going to give you an account of what I saw and heard on my visit to the 'city soon to be' of Georgetown. There I went yesterday with a few more of the boys to see and hear the nominations. We skated down the ice, and got some ham and eggs at Mac's Hotel. He must have been astonished at our appetites; and we then went to the Court House, where the crowd was just assembled.

The candidates nominated were A. C. McDonald, Esq., of Montague Bridge; Hon. Daniel Davis, of Charlottetown; and Dr. McIntyre, of Souris, who is the new candidate for Dominion honors.

Hon. D. Davis was the first speaker of the day. I mean, he was the first one of the candidates to speak—not that he ranked first amongst the speakers. (You know I must be allowed to correct my blunders, for I can't write this over again; paper is scarce here, and I must economize my small stock, or you can't have me often for your special correspondent.) In plain English, his speech was 'flat as a cold pancake.' But he made no pretensions to oratory, and all he had done so, Dr. Kennedy, and all the evidence on the Tribunal, could not have got a verdict in his favor, if he was only allowed to address the jury in his own behalf. I regret to say, Davis had not the hearty sympathy of that crowd, for he 'sloped' without a parting cheer.

I had now 'great expectations,' for I had been told, my neighbors had been told, and everybody had been told, by 'Dandy Pat,' that Dr. McIntyre was a 'filiant scholar,' had been ten years in College, and was a 'fine man, entirely,' and 'a great speaker.' Well, the learned doctor 'came to the front,' and 'Dandy Pat' and his friends rushed frantically through the crowd, ordering 'silence,' that the 'Dr.' was going to 'speak.' Silence reigned, until the Doctor told them he had 'a little to say.' It came, he said, without 'any ecclesiastical or other influence'—a voice in the crowd retorting, 'No chance for you then.' The Doctor soon withdrew discomfited, and 'Dandy Pat' started the cheer which he expected to be taken up by the crowd, but not having a single assistant, the abortion died out in a hollow groan, most disheartening and disappointing to the Doctor and to his friends—if he had any. The Doctor certainly is not the 'coming man,' and for one who has been ten years in college, is a 'prize failure.'

Augustine Macdonald then addressed the electors, and made the best speech of the day, not excepting that of Master Louis himself. Mr. Macdonald has improved very much in his oratory. His style is clear and forcible, his points are well put, and every word he utters is intelligible to every man in the crowd. Louis H. speaks nicely, but is too glib at making assertions which the crowd know to be without foundation, and has too much rapid declamation to convince his audience. I admit that both Louis and Austin speak well, but the three rousing cheers which greeted 'Austin,' at the close of his excellent speech, were the most enthusiastic I ever heard, and told more plainly than anything else whom the sympathies of the people were with.

The learned member for Murray Harbor did not get on as well as I have known him to do. The questions put to him were too difficult to answer satisfactorily, but when 'Sir Joseph Malabar' came to the rescue of his friends, poor Davies was to be pitied. You remember the man who 'never opened his mouth but he put his foot in it?' Sir Joseph must be a direct descendant of him; and the way the family peculiarity has been developed in this specimen, goes far to prove the Darwinian theory. Sir Joseph does wonderful feats in that line. On the present occasion, he not only took in both his own feet, but involved those of all his friends in the same capacious receptacle, from which no possible effort of his or theirs could save them.

The amusement he afforded the crowd, was something you would have to pay twenty-five cents for in Charlottetown, and not get a reserved seat at that. The final polishing of it got from the 'Montague Boy,' put us all in good humor; and so we returned to our firesides, satisfied that whoever would be the second man, Macdonald would be the first, by an overwhelming majority.

Yours, specially, J. J. J.

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St. Ann's, Boff to Fife.

I WAS several years suffering from Cough, Spitting of Blood, Night Sweats, attended with extreme nervous and prostration. My body was greatly emaciated, and the general impression was that I had not long to live. I began taking Dr. WHEELER'S COMPOUND ELIXIR OF PHOSPHATES AND GALENARY, and improvement took place immediately. I gained in weight and strength. My Cough and my Night Sweats disappeared, and I am now in the enjoyment of excellent health. Many of my friends to whom I have recommended the Elixir have experienced equally remarkable results.

W. W. SIMPSON, THE NOVEL STEAMER.—The salmon steamer designed by Mr. Bessemer, to make sea-sickness impossible, is well under way at Hull, England. The framing is nearly complete, and a good part of the outer plating has been put on. The steamer is 350 feet long, 40 feet broad, inside of her paddle boxes, and of 2,774 tons burthen. She will be driven by two sets of paddle-wheels, each consisting of a double set of paddle-wheels, situated 100 feet apart, the aggregate power of the engines being less than 4,000 horse powers. The two ends of the ship are alike, and each will be furnished with a rudder. Her most characteristic feature is her saloon, which will be 70 feet long, 30 feet high, and supported upon massive pivots at the centre and extremities. This supported, it will be brought under the control of a powerful hydraulic screw. The principal boilers of the ship. This gear will be so arranged that it is expected a man will be able to impart to the saloon a rolling motion in relation to the waves of the sea, and so prevent the ship herself from rolling. The engine is anticipated, will drive the vessel at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour.—Scientific American.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"OUR SIDE-WALKS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR:—I notice, with pleasure, that you, in your issue of the 19th inst., have mooted the subject of our side-walks, or, more correctly speaking, the want of them. It is high time that this matter should be pressed upon the notice of our civic authorities, as the state of our side-walks in the spring and fall, after a shower of rain or a thaw, is simply disgraceful, and would not be tolerated in any civilized village boasting only a dozen houses; how much less, then, should it be tolerated in a city that lays claim to so much of CIVIC STATE as does the "incorporated" City of Charlottetown? We have heard a good deal of late about "compulsory law." Now, by all means, let us have a "compulsory" side-walk. If there is not already one, (but I think there is), let us have a law passed compelling owners of property to lay a side-walk in front of their property, whether built on or not, as the motto hitherto seemed to be, "No side-walks in front of unoccupied property."

But, it may be argued that we are already taxed expressly for side-walks and macadamization, and that such a law would be unfair, as it would be a double taxation for the same purpose. The way to remedy this would be to remit this special tax to any person laying a sidewalk in front of his property, and it would be an advantage also to the person availing himself of it, as he would thus get clear of the tax for macadamization. Several persons already desiring to ever getting anything done by the City, have laid good brick side-walks in front of their houses, and it is unfair that they should now be taxed to do the same in front of other people's.

And, would it not be well for the 'Civic Fathers,' before proceeding further with the macadamizing of our streets, to consider the propriety of laying side-walks first, as then the side-walks could be made to suit the streets, and not the streets to suit the side-walks, the present mode of progression saving too much of 'buying a horse to suit a saddle.'

Take, for example Queen or Water streets, which have been macadamized. The distance from the houses to the nearest side of the gutter is seventeen and one-half feet. The brick sidewalk already laid on the corner of those streets is fourteen feet wide, (which, I suppose, is the correct width). This leaves a streak of three and one-half feet which is neither side-walk nor yet macadamized, and when the side-walks are laid this has to be gone over again. By laying the sidewalks first, as I suggest, this would be avoided, and the curbstone could serve as one side of the gutter, thus lessening the expense of the work. And, instead of each person laying whatever style and width of side-walk that may suit his fancy, (as at present) let the City Authorities take the matter into their hands, and calling for tenders, let the performance of the work out, a block or street at a time,—this will, at least, secure uniformity, (if it does not lessen the expenses) and do away with unnecessary curbstones, running transversely, which serve only to mark the boundary of a man's property.

One more suggestion, and I have done. When applied to, a late Government refused to give the City any assistance towards macadamizing our streets, and I would suggest that the City Fathers discharge the crowd of men hitherto employed on the streets, and send them to the Poor House, where the cost of maintaining them will fall upon the Government, as they are all, old, decrepit, and worn-out, and the City, in reality, it is that supports them. They are totally unfit to do a day's work and do not even make a show of doing so (except when the City Surveyor drives round), while the wages paid them would pay the same number of active men who could do 'fair day's work for a fair day's wage.'

Heartily echoing your sentiment, 'give us the substance, not the shadow,' and trusting that the suggestions here made will be taken up in the proper quarter, and that there is a 'good time coming,' when, with substantial side-walks, I shall not be, as at present, I remain, A FLOURISHER.

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