

"Another year has gone by, and what is this day's strong suggestion?"

The year 1874 passed away in a halo of glory; and when 1875 was ushered in, there was peace within our walls and plenty within our borders.

The past year has been only moderately favorable to farming operations. A late spring was followed by a glorious summer.

The falling off of our exports and the financial panic in Canada, the United States and Europe have caused a temporary stringency here.

The opening of our railway, on the first of May, was a notable event in the history of our Island—the more so as its working—unsatisfactory though it was—has occasioned a complete revolution of feeling among the majority of our people in respect to railways.

On the whole, 1875 has been characterized by dullness, and by quiet but steady advancement at home; by inactivity in manufactures and financial depression abroad.

But what about that which has not been done? A respectable house for the poor has not been provided.

There is yet no comfortable hospital to which a strange sick man may be taken and cared for; another Daniels may come to judge us any day. The poor "mind deceased"

inmates of our Lunatic Asylum still occupy the horrid underground cells visited by the Grand Jury in 1874. What shall we say of these things? Simply that we hope another year will not be permitted to roll around ere these grave public sins of omission are atoned for.

During the coming year the most important public question will be LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL REFORM. Till the Legislature is reduced to a workable size, and the government and civil service thoroughly reorganized on economical and business principles, the province cannot afford to subsidize branch railways; nor can a settlement of our public school question, on fair and equitable principles, be honestly attempted.

Some person sends us the following lines. We cannot do better than append them to this article:—

Farwell! Old Year! All thy joy and gladness, All thy woe and sadness, End here.

End here? Why, no. Thy mark is felt on all, Some good, great or small, Will endure.

Sadness and woe Must come to all below. They show our true home Is beyond.

Good-bye! Old Year! May we turn to greet the new, With faces bright and true,— Hears that still re-echo, TRICE BLUE.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MANIFESTO.

These dull times are not without their surprises. The European World has been startled by Mr. D'Israeli's bold and masterly stroke of policy in Egypt. Canada has not yet finished the martyr and admiring laugh with which she welcomed Sir John Macdonald's great Montreal speech—a surprise after his long silence.

We wish to speak with all possible respect to the worthy gentlemen who have signed this document. They seem to be a little nervous about their own action; and somewhat anxiously deplore the title of meddlers. The French proverb *Qui s'exerce s'accuse* they probably did not remember or do not believe; else they would scarcely have ventured upon what would seem self-condemnation.

We are not concerned to defend the action of our members of Parliament, or of the Canadian Government in this matter. If it is inconsistent, it is just of a piece with all that they have done since they came into power. They have been now for two years busily engaged in contradicting, by their practice, every profession they made while in Opposition.

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At some length and with frequent repetition, they dwell upon the fact that Canadian legislators are in favor of Secular Education. Of course they are. And so far the greater part of Canada, judging by their actions. Protestant Ontario and Catholic Quebec both have it. Manitoba has it. Nova Scotia practically has it. Newfoundland lately adopted it. This Province and New Brunswick alone in Canada, do not recognize it. Looking abroad, we see it everywhere. England and Scotland have it. So has France, Austria, Germany and Italy,—to say nothing of the smaller European nations. The countries that are in the vanguard

of civilization have this system "which," say these gentlemen, "is fraught with evils which have blighted, cursed, and all but desolated the finest countries on the earth." Such a will statement is neither creditable to their own intelligence nor flattering to that of those whom they address.

In the sentence "if the Secularian system is the best for the North West Territories, it is as certainly the best for Prince Edward Island and the other Provinces; and they may expect to be similarly dealt with,"—there is a very misleading insinuation. Action which was possible with an organized Territory is utterly impossible with a regularly constituted Province. Surely these gentlemen must have known this.

We give up the attempt to criticize this precious document. It is impossible to argue with incoherent raving, or to criticize a scream. That it will stir up ill will, arouse bad feelings, awaken the worst religious animosities, we fear. That this is a Gospel or Evangelical work we utterly deny. And that the sober-minded, tolerant portion of the community is large enough to prevent its doing all the mischief it is capable of, we greatly hope.

These gentlemen have seen fit to perform in public an act which they are pleased to call "washing their hands." It is not a performance pleasing to witness; but now that they have done it, we trust they will occupy themselves rather in trying to keep their hands unsoiled by the dusty conflict of the politico-religious arena, than in again busy themselves (though, doubtless, with the best intentions, in stirring up strife and ill-will, maligning and insulting their fellow-Christians, and affording an unhappy example of how wide the difference may be between assuming the Evangelical name and practising the Evangelical precepts.

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LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

To Reading Room and Examiner.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—Quebec celebrates the hundredth anniversary of the repulse of the United States Army under Montgomery, to-night.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—Pulp Mills of the St. Croix Paper Company, situated at Ellershausen, were burned down last night. The loss will amount to over \$120,000. No insurance.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—On and after January 1st 1876, the Anglo-American Telegraph tariff, for political and general news, other than commercial despatches to the press, unabbreviated, and not by express, will be one shilling, 25 cents gold, per word.

The National Rifle Association of Great Britain, have accepted the challenge of the New York Association, to take part in a match for small bore during the Centennial Celebration. Sir Henry Hallford has been appointed captain of the English, and is now busy arranging the preliminaries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A tornado passed twelve miles east of Hackensack Ky., on Sunday evening, sweeping down the whole forest in its path—way. Twelve dwellings and barns were blown down, some were shattered all to fragments, and the inmates barely escaped with their lives.

The British Admiral has issued a new order relative to slaves. Any slave received on a British man-of-war, on the high seas, will be retained until he can be landed in a country, or transferred to a vessel, where his liberty will be secured.

TRURO, N. S.—The Waterworks system of Water Works was successfully tried here yesterday, it being only a partial test, but one pump was used, driven by about 80 lbs. steam, which threw a fine stream of water through 250 feet of 2 inch hose—inch nozzles—over our highest buildings. Two streams were played from two hydrants nearly a mile from the works, going over a three story building. The system is a grand success. Next spring the works will be completed, and a public test given, of which due notice will appear, and delegates invited from other towns.

DEATH OF A BENEVOLENT OF THE HUMAN RACE. (From the Pall Mall Gazette.) An aged Abbe, who died the state much service in his time, has just died at St. Cere in his eighty-fifth year; not having dabbled in politics, there was no question of giving him a public funeral and pronouncing orations over his tomb.

REFORM. "The different classes of means are not combined and adapted to one another under the guidance of any leading idea, and while every department pushes forward its own requirements, regardless of those of the rest, the purpose of the work is perpetually sacrificed to the work itself."—John Stuart Mill, on *The Executive in a Representative Government.*

Those acquainted with the facts, will recognize in the above a striking likeness to the working of our Local Civil Service. John Stuart Mill knew something about the Civil Service under Constitutional Government; and he declares that:—

As a general rule, every executive function, whether superior or subordinate, should be the appointed duty of some given individual. It should be appointed to all the world, who did everything, and through whose default everything was left undone. Responsibility is null, when nobody knows who is responsible. Now, even when real, can it be divided without being weakened. To maintain it at its highest, there must be one person who receives the whole praise of what is well done, the whole blame of what is ill.

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SUMMARY OF LATEST NEWS.

The reported revolution in San Rafael Lower California, turns out to be a canard.

A Madrid special says a rumor is current there that European intervention in Cuban affairs will soon be made, and that the United States is aware of the fact.

The ex-Premier of England has, unconsciously perhaps, prepared a poor joke. He says that the subject of funeral reform is one which requires to be *gently* considered by this country.

The Marquis of Ripon, who recently joined the Catholic Church, is going to Rome where he intends, it is said, to reside for some time. He afterwards goes to Jerusalem and other Eastern cities.

A special telegram from Perak to the "Times" says the British now hold all important positions in that neighborhood.—Maharajah Leta has fled and taken refuge in Siam territory. The British power is supported in Yabak only the marriage of Mr. Birch, the resident, being in crisis.

Earl Fitzwilliam has taught strikers a rather severe lesson. The colliers struck for higher wages nine months ago at Rothgerham pits, which were then closed. They now want to resume work on the owner's original \$1.10 per ton, and they are told that the colliers shall not be reopened during his lifetime. His lordship is sixty years of age.

At Chatham, England, recently some workmen in making excavations on the island for dock-purposes, found a large vessel, several feet below the surface. It was probably one of several sunk 200 years ago to impede the Dutch fleet on its passage up the Medway to destroy the dockyard.

The Prince of Wales' annual income is supposed to be only the marriage of Mr. Birch, the resident, being in crisis.

A prominent Roman Catholic of Portland, Maine, who married some time ago, and afterwards separated from his wife, finally got a divorce in order that he might marry another woman, who did not know that he had been married previously.

THE LAST OF THE STUARTS.—By the death of the Hon. Lady Louisa Stuart, at Tranquair House, yesterday writes our Pen-and-Ink. He afterwards goes to Jerusalem and other Eastern cities.

REPORTED CATTLE DISEASE IN ONTARIO.—A good deal of disquietude has been felt in a rural district touching the report that a fatal disease had broken out in Middlesex. So far as our inquiries have been able to extend there has not been any confirmation of the report.

COLONIAL ENGLISH FORTUNES.—The two greatest personal fortunes known to the English Court of Probate were those of Mr. Morrison, of the firm of Morris & Dillon, dry-goods merchant, and Mr. Brassey, railroad contractor. Mr. Morrison's will was sworn under \$4,000,000, and he was said to have estates in fifteen counties, which there is no doubt, were worth at least \$1,000,000 more.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MASONIC. AN ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2, F. & A. M. WILL TAKE PLACE ON OR ABOUT 25th JANUARY, 1876.

MARKET HALL, of which full particulars will be given at an early date. By order. Jan. 3, 1876.—11n

ROCHFORD THEATRICALS. S. PETER'S BOY'S SCHOOL. TUESDAY, January 4th, A BLIGHTED BEING! By Tom Taylor, Esq.; and POOR PHILICODDY Further performances on

Jan. 11—"Poor Philicoddy," and "No. 1. Round the Corner." Jan. 18—"Milky White," and "Blighted Being." Jan. 25—"Milky White," and "Poor Philicoddy."

CH'TOWN DEBATING CLUB! LECTURES. A COURSE OF LECTURES, in connection with this Society, will be delivered during the Winter season, by PROFESSOR ANDERSON

HAMLET, at the Y. M. C. A. HALL, on FRIDAY, the 14th inst., at 8 p. m. Tickets 10 cents. By order. THOMAS W. MAY, Secretary. Jan. 3, 1876.—city pa 2in

HURRAH FOR SOURIS. Souris on the War Path. THE first TROT of the Season in King's County, will take place on the 20th JANUARY, 1876, between O. W. Owen's Mare, "FAIRY," and John McLean's Horse, "EASTERN BOY."

SHERIFF'S SALE. Ralph Brecken, Plaintiff, vs. The Lands and Tenements of John Stewart, deceased, Defendant.

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AUCTION. I WILL SELL at AUCTION, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY at 12 o'clock, noon, on the East End of Queen Square, near the new Court House.

Books and Stationery. THE Subscriber would respectfully inform the public, that he will open, early in the New Year, 8 cases

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the Estate of the late Martin Hogan, will please present the same for payment. All persons owing the said Estate will please pay the amounts due without delay.

NOTICE. ALL debts due the Subscribers, whether by Note of Hand, Book Accounts, or otherwise, on the 31st day of December, 1875, remaining unpaid on the 31st day of January, 1876, will, without distinction, be handed to an Attorney for collection. The accounts for the past year are also ready for delivery, and parties interested will well to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

EDUCATION. St. Peter's Schools WILL RE-OPEN ON Monday, 10th January, 1876. Boys' School will have two vacancies.

IRON. HARDWARE. OUR usually large Stock of Iron, Heavy Hardware, and Shell Hardware. A few very nice COAL VASES, at LOW PRICES.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SAWS of every description manufactured by HENRY DISSTON & SONS, PHILADELPHIA.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE Dominion of Canada and its Provinces, ALSO, NEWFOUNDLAND, the NORTH and WEST TERRITORIES, ANTICOSTI and LABRADOR, with an APPENDIX containing information of special interest to the Emigrant, and a TABLE of ROUTES.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE. In re Estate of Donald McElsie, Junior, late of Lot Thirtiety-five, in Prince Edward Island, Farmer, deceased.

TENDERS WANTED FOR LONG RIVER WHARF, NEW LONDON. TENDERS will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Works, until the 29th day of JUNE next, from parties willing to contract with the Government to make general repairs and build an EIL to Long River Wharf, New London.

SPLendid VASES, JUST THE THING FOR Christmas Presents!

NEW YEAR GIFTS, At Harvie's Book-Store, Queen's Square, Dec. 20, 1875.

AXES. AXES. 40 Dozen AXES. In Broad's Underhills and Bairsns, which we warrant.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. W. E. DAWSON & CO. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1875.