

Quixotic Attacks.

We heard of a Frenchman who claimed that his countrymen had defeated the British at Waterloo, but the latter could not see when they were beaten. The opponents of the present Government appear to be drawing consolation from a similar source. They have been thoroughly beaten at the polls in almost every contest for two or three years; and they have recently been soundly beaten at public meetings called by themselves on carefully chosen grounds. But, like the Frenchman at Waterloo, they run from the field exclaiming, "We have beaten you, but you do not see that you are conquered." The funniest part of the business is that which the Patriot plays before and after those meetings. In announcing a particular meeting he intimates that the people are boiling with "indignation," but are determined to be "trampled on no longer." He advises the sturdy yeomanry to gird on their armour, reminding them that those "who would be free, themselves must strike the blow." When the eventful day arrives one of the Patriot staff may be seen, like Sancho Panza, following that redoubtable Don Quixote, W. D. Stewart, to the scene of his exploits; and the account which he gives of the encounters are almost as amusing as Cervantes' version of the adventures of the immortal Don. Generally, some foul enchanter turned giants into windmills or castles into inns, so as to deprive the Knight of the glory he had so richly earned. So, in the case of William D. Stewart, some disturbing element is at work to rob him of the victory which, according to the Patriot, he is always on the point of achieving. At Bonshaw the resolution of censure was too strong, the Chairman was partial, and the "boys" wouldn't count. Therefore, Mr. Stewart was deprived of the glory he fondly imagined was his. At St. Peter's the "Liberals from the North side" got so tired of his eloquence that they forgot to vote, and another victory slipped between the fingers of our doughty hero. In fact, the Patriot people always find causes for their failures—apart from the real one, that the people are against them. This sort of thing is becoming so common in the columns of the Patriot that it is now decidedly nauseous. Come, neighbor, give us something a trifle less puerile and more becoming in an organ of a political party.

As for Mr. Wm. D. Stewart, we would strongly advise him to ponder well the words of Don Quixote's niece, "Would it not be better to stay quietly at home and not ramble about the world seeking for better bread than wheat, without considering that many go out for wool and come home shorn."

The Meeting at DeSable.

ABOUT forty or fifty electors were present in DeSable Schoolroom, on Thursday evening last. Mr. William McDonald was appointed Chairman. A motion to appoint Mr. Hamilton, of the Patriot, Secretary, was defeated by a vote of the meeting, and Mr. Currie was appointed Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cameron, Stewart, Campbell, Ferguson, Boats and Matheson. A resolution censuring the Government was proposed by Mr. Nelson, and an amendment expressing confidence in them, was proposed by Mr. Boats. On a division, the chairman said that, in his opinion, the resolution was carried. The supporters of the amendment demanded that a count of the electors present should be made. The chairman proceeded to make a count, when the light was very mysteriously put out by some one who, for the nonce, preferred darkness to light. We are informed that not one of the supporters of Messrs. Campbell and Cameron voted for the resolution; but, on the other hand, a number of respectable men who supported Mr. Stewart at last election, voted against it.

We read the following very distracting statement in an article in the last Canadian Monthly, by Mr. William Norris:—

"We are on the eve of startling events. Public opinion in Canada has come to the conclusion that something must be done, or some change made, to meet the crisis that is approaching."

The only consolation we can afford ourselves under the circumstances, is that the very same "crisis" has been "expected" about one hundred times in the last twenty years; and as yet we see no signs of its coming. Nevertheless it is just as well that Mr. Norris should "sing out," if his eyes are better than everybody else's.

JUST RECEIVED a large and well assorted lot Valentines, from 1 cent up to \$1.00, at the Agricultural Store.—R. MAY, 13, 61

CLARK'S DIAMOND DUST POLISH.—Unrivalled for cleaning Gold, Silver and Nickel ware. Enquire for it.

IMPORTS.

A FEW days ago we published comparative statements of exports from this Province since 1876. To-day we furnish a comparative statement—prepared and kindly furnished by Mr. McKenna, of the Customs Department—of imports into this Province since 1876. The statement does not include the large and yearly increasing quantities of goods obtained in other parts of Canada:—

Year	1879		1878		1877		1876	
	Entered for Consumption	Duty Collected	Entered for Consumption	Duty Collected	Entered for Consumption	Duty Collected	Entered for Consumption	Duty Collected
Imports	\$ 620,188	\$ 204,433.16	\$ 813,286	\$ 200,634.45	\$ 1,197,655	\$ 277,458.07	\$ 956,903	\$ 258,376.69
Puttable Goods	86,733	88,059	245,715	244,394	264,350	254,598	254,598	
Free	\$706,921	\$294,493.16	\$1,059,001	\$200,634.45	\$1,462,005	\$277,458.07	\$1,211,501	\$258,376.69
Total								

Our Quick Boys.

"The richer a nature, the harder and slower its development."—CARLYLE.

"A somewhat varied experience of men has led me, the longer I live, to set the less value upon mere cleverness; to attach more importance to industry and physical endurance."—PROFESSOR HUXLEY.

What a remarkable display of cleverness! What prodigious powers! The lad is a wonder! Such are the remarks of the ordinary pedagogue, and also of the delighted parent. Yes! truly, he is clever enough. Every watershed in the world is in his brain; every possible exception in any ordinary grammar can be trotted out to order; his mind is stuffed to the brim with interminable formulæ and mechanical auxiliaries; in fact, he is as quick as a cabbage, of which we shall hear more hereafter.

Now, there is no denying that these boys are quick. But we most emphatically deny that this quickness is a sign of true genius. Their quickness, to them, is as mechanical as tinkering a kettle, shoeing a horse, or successfully arranging a shirt front. They strike the harp of learning with their rapid bravura and fortissimo; but they do not strike, and scarcely ever learn to strike it, with a hero's strength and grace.

Why this distinction on the quick ones? Because we would urge the claims of the "plodder," (not of either the duncie or of the sluggard), but of the boy who buckles on his harness for true work, and always finds his work hard. In such an one, the mind is sustaining a severer mental discipline, and consequently nursing the germs of genius. For what is genius? A leading modern writer answers: "Genius is at first, little more than a great capacity for receiving discipline."

Ye masters, think more of your honest (perhaps slow) workers. Oftimes there is the burning coal. How often do you make it the dead grammatical cinder? Parents, encourage, in every way, the industry of

your children. Give them books—many ones. Start for them a miniature library, a tender healthy plantlet. In your old age you will be pleased to see that your little plant is assuming the strong and vast proportions of the oak.

We need not apologise to our readers for bringing to their notice and memory the following exquisite fable from the pen of the Sage of Chelsea:—

"What is the use of thee, thou gnarled sapling? said a young larch tree to a young oak. I grow three feet in a year; thou, scarcely as many inches. I am straight and taper as a reed; thou, straggling and twisted as a loosened wither."—"And thy duration," answered the oak, "is some third part of a man's life, and I am appointed to flourish for a thousand years. Thou art felled and sawed into paling, where thou rottest and art burned after a single summer; of me are fashioned battle-ships, and I carry mariners and heroes into unknown seas."

"The richer a nature, the harder and slower its development. Two boys were once of a class in the Edinburgh Grammar School: John, ever trim, precise and dux; Walter, ever slovenly, confused and dolt. In due time John became Baillie John of Hunter-square, and Walter became Sir Walter Scott of the Universe. "The quickest and completest of all vegetables is the cabbage."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.  
Feb 12—James Laird, New Glasgow; David Egan, Mt Stewart; Jas McLenn, Belfast; Wm Patrick, Hampton; W McNeill, do; Rev A Stewart, Belfast; W Bownis, Margate; A E C Holland, M P P, Bedouque. Feb 13—Thomas Brehaut, Summerside; George A Rattenbury, Hunter River; James Gay, Pownal; D Hyde, West River; J H Crosby, Bonshaw; A Robinson, d; Richard Thompson, Sidney Mills; James Stephenson, Fredericton; James Webster, Shediac; R Stewart, Strathgarny; Angus Livingston, Bonshaw; Wm Connolly, do; Wm Henderson, N B.

MAIL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa, until 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, 12th MARCH NEXT, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts, for four years, from 1st April next, over each of the following routes, viz:—

Barrett's Cross and Park Corner, Cardigan Bridge and Lot 56, Cardigan Bridge and Railway Station, French Village and Mount Stewart, Georgetown and Launching, Georgetown and Murray Harbor North, O'Leary Station and West Cape, St. Andrew's and Railway Station.

Printed notices containing full information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained, at the Post Offices at which the services commence and terminate, or at the office of the subscriber.

W. W. McLEOD, Asst. P. O. Inspector.  
P. O. Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, 1/13 30th January, 1880. 3i

LECTURE.

PROFESSOR CAVEN will deliver the second of a Course of Lectures in connection with the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. SOCIETY, in

ST. PATRICK'S HALL,

Tuesday Ev'ng Next, 17th Feb.

Subject—Cardinal Wiseman.  
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Chair to be taken at 8.  
Admission 10 cents.

RICHARD WALSH, Secretary.

LECTURE

BY REV. GEO. W. HODGSON,  
In aid of the funds of the Women's Benevolent Society.

MARKET HALL,

Tuesday, 17th inst.,

AT EIGHT, P. M.

Subject—MOSES, the Great Hebrew Statesman, Legislator and Poet.  
Admission 15 cents.

ANNIE MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

APPLES. APPLES.

50 BARRES NO. 1 APPLES, in prime order, at

A. McNEILL'S Auction Room.

Take Notice!

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 13, 1880.  
EXECUTIONS will be issued against those persons who have been sued for City Taxes for the year 1878, if not paid forthwith.  
Also, City Taxes owing and unpaid for the year 1879, will be sued for if not paid immediately.

By order, W. SHEPHERD, City Collector.

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January 5, 1880.

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Herring. Codfish.

CHEAP FOR CASH,—

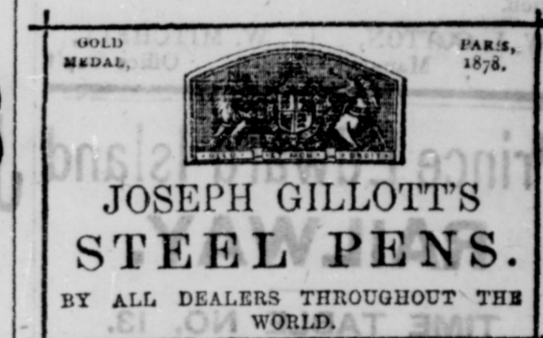
50 bbls. Herring, 100 qtls Codfish, 200 bags Salt.

D. SMALL, Head Queen's Wharf, opposite I. C. Hall's.

To Fisheries and Factories.

ONE TON AMERICAN MANILLA MARLIN (Tarred and White), Cotton Lines, Twines, Leads, Hooks, Bait Mills, Fishing Anchors, Cotton Ducks (light and heavy), 100 coils Manilla Rope, Hemp Rope, Wire Rope, Paints, Oils, Tar, Oakum, Ships Chandlery, Sail Making, Light Ducks for Boats' Sails.

D. SMALL, Jan. 21, 1880—tf



January 28, 1880.

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WM. MITCHELL, Agent's Dep't.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1879.

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FOUND—A small bunch of KEYS. Apply at this Office. [f 19

TO LET—Shop and Dwelling House, North Side Queen Square, now occupied by John Kelly as a Grocery and Liquor Store. Possession given on the 15th February, 1880. Enquire on the premises, or at St. Lawrence Hotel. [dec 31 tf

LOST—At the Citizens Skating Rink on the night of the Carnival, a FUR CAP. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this Office. [f 7

TENEMENT on Hillsborough street, opposite residence of Thos. DesBrisay, Esq., containing hall, seven rooms, pantry, front and back stairs, to Let, with immediate possession. Enquire of JOHN STUMBLE, Jan. 8, 1880. dlw o o d tf.