

his eye, and looking first at the picture and then at Jacob he began to fidget about uneasily, while the lookers on had all they could do to keep from bursting outright with laughter. Finally he began to edge away toward the door, and then, just as Jacob scored the last point in the game, he bolted, saying:

"Darned if I don't believe that you're Jakey Schaefer himself," and the boys, who could hold in no longer, fairly shook the rattle with their cheers and laughter!

The Gleaner.

AS H. CROCKETT, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1887.

A WORD IN SEASON.

It is surprising that men well advanced in life, with much experience of the ways of the world, should so often seek to encourage the towering of immature youth. It is of course a positive wrong to put a check upon every laudable aspiration of boyhood, but it is no less an injustice to the youth to endeavor by well-meant encouragement to make him lose his balance, while he is yet acquiring it, and to draw his mind away from the contemplation of the pursuit by the exercise of which he should maintain himself. How often have we seen a life which, at its outset, gave promise of at least mediocrity, crushed while attempting to rise at a spring to a plane which years only could have qualified it to reach. How often have we seen a youth who has, at a bound, reached the first stake on the road to the goal of his ambition, sink beneath the load which he has with difficulty carried even in his former unobstructed march. Honors everywhere are dearly bought, and those of public life carry with them for the youth on the threshold of his career, the elements which blast and shatter hope. Let it be the ambition of those who have just set out on the road of life, to press steadily and perseveringly onward, neither dismayed by obstacles nor inflated by an easy progress, till they shall at least attain to a respectable position in the pursuit to which they are directing their energies, or till they have reached an enviable position in it, then may they turn aside to work in the fields which lie around them, and at length to gather the fruit which their labors should command.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

It is amusing to listen to the croakings of minor Tories over what they call the victory in Shelburne. We had hoped that Mr. Robertson would have been returned, though we well knew the influence against which he had to contend. We are, however, not surprised at his defeat, though a majority of six votes for his opponent, with a Tory government in power, is scarcely sufficient to warrant even the narrow subservient Tories in calling it a conservative triumph. The defeat of the Tory opponent of Mr. Lovitt is scarcely mentioned, though it had been victory instead, the minor would have given Mr. Lovitt's name such prominence that he would have been better known in Canada today than they would now like General Laurier to be. The mathematical of the triumph have gone extensively into figures, and after much calculation have produced the result of their calculations. They find that conservatives have captured two liberal seats and that this in a division will give the Tories a majority of four. We will not dispute the result they have reached, but trust that the contemplation of it will give them pleasure commensurate with their labors.

THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

We cannot agree with some of our contemporaries that the Fisheries Commission has so far been a failure, and that there is little or no possibility of a satisfactory settlement being made as matters now stand. Such opinions have been formed and expressed, no doubt, from the despatches of irresponsible newsmongers who have for the past few weeks been flashing to the other side of the water and to Canada gross fabrications as to the work of the commission. These newsmongers are not in a position to know what has been done, nor even what phases of the question are likely to be discussed. We are inclined to have faith in Sir Charles Tupper's expression of confidence in the issue. To combat the mischievous fabrications set afloat, he has felt it necessary to make a public expression of confidence in the outcome of the commission's work, and beyond this he could not make any statement. From the outset we have expressed the belief that a satisfactory settlement could well be arrived at by the commission, and we were also of the belief that on the part of the Americans there was a disposition to arrive speedily at such a settlement. Our belief in this respect has since been strengthened. We have, therefore, every confidence in a fair adjustment by the commission.

JOHN BRIGHT.

The course which John Bright is pursuing towards the Liberals of Britain, more especially towards the Irish members of that party, is not calculated to do much towards perpetuating that glorious name which he won for himself in the days that are gone. Until two or three years ago no name was more honored in Britain than that of Bright; his course lately, however, has been so extreme and so opposed to the principles which he advocated before the approach of age had begun to harass him, that he has alienated from him the sturdy friends and admirers of his brighter days. Bright has a perfect right to differ from Gladstone on the questions of the day, but it is scarcely consistent in him to show his former leader, and to keep his own and his speech ever active in

denouncing the friend and colleague of his youth. In character and in high moral purpose both stand on an even plane, but in grasp of mind Gladstone is Bright's superior. The friendly spirit in which the Grand Old Man has taken many of the attacks made upon him by his former follower, and the dignified silence with which he has regarded many others, have irritated and exasperated the once great commoner, and have drawn from him those fierce attacks which are so often prompted by a disappointed and irritable old age.

THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—There was an unusually large attendance at the Queen street Congregational chapel, Wolverhampton, yesterday morning, as it was known that the pastor, Mr. Berry, would announce his decision as to accepting the call to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. His announcement was in the form of a letter, which was read to the congregation. The concluding portion was as follows:—

"At last my decision is taken. God grant it be a true one! I must remain in England. I must go on at any cost with the work to which I have consecrated my life. I will not detain you with reminders of the fresh call upon you which arises out of this decision. I know you; I love you; I trust you. I pray that our larger work may win greater results for Christ and for us."

I cannot close without asking you to join me in prayer for our brethren and friends in America. My heart is pained beyond degree when I think of their disaffection. I can never forget their generous love and appreciation of the largeness of the honor they have placed upon me. If duty had led me to go I should have gone with every assurance of bright days to come. That I am honestly following what I have judged to be my path of service, will, I am assured, win their approval and conquest their respect.

With the old love multiplied, I am your friend and pastor.

CHRISTIAN A. BERRY.

It is doubtful whether, after the reading of the sermon and singing of the hymn of the letter itself. When the chapel service was over there was an old-fashioned town meeting, with congratulations. There was no longer an occasion for interviews, but one old pathfinder was heard to say, "Can't America find within her own Union one Eliza worthy to wear the mantle of Elijah?"

THEY'RE BIG BOSS.

More Talked In France than the President.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Times Paris special says Ferry seems not to have been seriously wounded, despite the pessimistic bulletins. The attempt on his life has made him, for the moment, a far bigger figure than Canelet, the new president. People are saying that it is a great pity if he had to be shot that the thing was not done a day or two before Congress, when his election would have been certain. Although the Republic Française and all the reactionary papers talked about the necessity of suspending the press law annulling the L'Antenne, intransigent and the rest of the Anarchist sheets, no such thing is likely to be seriously proposed. It is said that the Ministry will not let out the work.

JAMES GAUDINER'S INJURY.

The Great Spiller Has Probably Saved His Last Race.

DORSET, Dec. 15.—It is to be regretted that Jake Gaudiner will probably never again engage in a match race at sculling. A letter received here from Mr. St. John, Gaudiner's lawyer, emphasizes the report that the ex-champion of America is permanently injured to such an extent as will interfere with hard sculling for long distances, although it may prevent any exercise or exhibition rowing or sculling for short distances. Gentlemen who were looking at Gaudiner when he stopped rowing in his race with Twiss, believe that Jake met with some severe strain of the back which cannot be perfectly or permanently cured.

STARVING AND HORRIBLE.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED.

From Our Own Telegraphic Reports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Religious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and Provincial Topics.

Table.

The Italian chamber of deputies has approved of the new commercial treaty with Austria.

Dr. McKenzie has examined the Crown Prince's throat again. He says he has found no dangerous symptoms.

M. Edwards, manager of Le Matin, fought a duel with M. Mayer, manager of La Lanterne, at Paris yesterday, and both were slightly wounded.

The Cook Examiner makes a statement similar to that of United Ireland regarding Mr. Perico, and says it has the highest authority for its assertions.

The corporation of London has voted the freedom of the city of London to the Marquis of Hartington in recognition of his services in defence of the empire. The Gladstonians members opposed.

At Thursday's session of the landholders' conference at Dublin, it was resolved, in the absence of a letter arrangement, to favor the Ashbourne act, and a deputation was appointed to present the resolution to Lord Salisbury and Lord Hartington.

In the French chamber of deputies, yesterday, Gen. Loger, minister of war, asked for a military credit of 11,000,000 francs, supported by the budget committee. The chamber, by a vote of 235 to 225, adopted an amendment granting only 4,000,000 francs.

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Mr. Sheehy, M. P., who was arrested under the crimes act, was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment at hard labor. Notice was given of an appeal, and Sheehy was admitted to bail. Upon being released he was taken abroad on a charge of having participated in a meeting at Clonmel. Bail was refused and the prisoner taken to Clonmel jail.

AMERICAN.

Joseph Knight, aged 35, book keeper for the Manufacturers' Bank, Philadelphia, has been arrested for stealing over \$60,000.

A St. Louis despatch says that a riot occurred at Manhattan in the southern part of the State during the elections, on Sunday. One of the parties opened the polls and the other began to fight. At the trial of Sheehy, M. P. at Dublin, Thursday, the defendant's solicitor called an opposing witness a perjurer, and declared that the magistrates were suggesting the jurors the witnesses should give. The court adjourned to consider how to deal with his contempt.

Gen. Laurier, who was elected in Shelburne N. S., by six majority.

Lovitt, liberal, has been re-elected in Yarmouth by a handsome majority.

Symonds's foundry at Dartmouth, N. S., was burned Wednesday night. Loss \$40,000; insurance \$6,000.

A young man named Williams, from Cardiff, Wales, dropped dead of heart disease at Halifax on Thursday.

The Winnipeg gas works were burned Wednesday night. Loss \$60,000; no insurance. The engineer perished in the flames.

The sale of crown timber limits in Ontario, on Thursday, netted \$1,250,000. Some of the choicest berries were secured by Americans.

H. R. H. Princess Louise has ordered from an Ottawa photographer a number of copies of the photograph taken by this studio at the marriage of Prince Arthur and Princess Louise.

In Westminster township, yesterday, when Fred Plaisted gave promise of being a most brilliant sculler he met with an accident similar to Gaudiner. He was rowing at Sankola Lake with Courtney and Riley for a large purse raised by summer visitors, when he stopped suddenly, and was utterly unable to finish. Courtney and Riley had just left the amateur ranks, and this was their first race as professionals. Plaisted led them around the one and a half miles stake and maintained a good lead for a quarter of a mile further, when his back became strained and he suddenly stopped. After Courtney and Riley had passed him, Fred with difficulty rowed to his quarters, where he was nearly opposite where he quit rowing.

Gaudiner will take the best care of himself this winter and if he feels well enough will train in the spring to demonstrate for his own satisfaction just how badly he has been injured and just how much rowing he can do without danger to himself.

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Thomas Pargeyer, aged 61, was killed, and his nephew, William Pargeyer, seriously injured by a falling tree.

Joe, Chaplain, who attempted to murder Mr. Vinnette in his grocery store at Montreal a few days ago, has been sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary.

A freight train collided with an express near Allandale, Ont., Thursday morning. The engines were badly wrecked and the engineer fatally injured.

The death of Mrs. Honey, at Ottawa, a day or two ago, is being investigated by order of the chief of police. There are suspicious circumstances in connection with it.

George Robinson has been arrested at Hillsbury on a charge of being implicated in the dynamite explosion at Scott Act Inspector Anderson's house at Orangeville, Ont.

Reuben Brown, druggist of Gananoque, Ont., while temporarily insane, committed suicide Thursday by drowning. He was highly respected and leaves a wife and children.

Schoner Lyon, which arrived at Halifax from Port Louis the other day, passed through a terrible storm on the last. The captain and two seamen were swept overboard by a big wave. Only one of them could swim, and strange to say, he was the only one drowned.

Palm-Sulphur Soap.

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