

the better, however, for we did not consider the defeated candidate any addition to the Executive, and Mr. Beveridge is spoken of as a clever and painstaking lawyer. His father occupies a seat in the Legislative Council.

The new House of Assembly is made up as follows:—

YORK.—Fraser, Robinson, Barker, Dow.

ST. JOHN CITY.—Wedderburn, Keane.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.—Austin, King, Coram, Willis.

NORTH BRIDLEBAND.—Kelly, Tweedie, Davidson, Smith.

WESTMORLAND.—M'Queen, Humphrey, Smith, Pickard.

CHARLOTTE.—Stevenson, Murchie, Cotterell, M'Kay.

KINGS.—Crawford, Flewelling, M'Leod.

QUEENS.—Butler, Woods.

SUNBURY.—Covert, Porley.

KENT.—O'Leary, Johnson.

CARLETON.—Leighton, Jones.

GLoucester.—Blanchard, Burns.

RESTIGOUIA.—Phillips, M'Kenzie.

ALBERT.—Ryan, Rogers.

MADAWASKA.—Therault.

VICTORIA.—Beveridge.

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Five only are in favour of se-

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they expect him to do so.

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Confidential News.

NO. 1.

(Reported Specially for the Advocate.)

Mr. BROWN.—Never heretofore have I

attempted to report the proceedings of any

ecclesiastical gathering for any public jour-

nal, either secular or religious. The thought

comports one—that in their new churches, I

have no reputation to lose, for I have none,

and if I gain any, it will be all gain.

We accomplished the journey from Mir-

amichi to Charlottetown between the hours

of 1 o'clock p. m., Tuesday 22nd inst., and

12 o'clock p. m., 24th. The journey was

not at all pleasant. After the winter's

frust and the spring's rain we found the roads

rough, and the bridges in some instances

out of repair, and the sea, which was tossed

by the wind, and wrought as though it

was even possessed by a legion of evil spir-

its, made the St. Lawrence roll from side to

side, in a most inelegant and treacherous

manner. I could not persuade myself, Mr.

Editor, to detail the result of that tossing.

Sounds were heard at intervals which made

one feel remarkably sober. The spirit of the

deep claimed and secured a good deal of

earnest costly homage. In fact a great

many of the passengers were unintentionally

very devout. While I sat shivering in the

cold, looking at the white crested waves,

Pollock's Apostrophe forced itself into my

musings. Strange that one should even

think of poetry under such circumstances.

Surely if Pollock had been sea sick at the

time, he would not have exclaimed with

such enthusiastic fervor:

"Religious, holy art! thou bowed'st thy glorious

head to none! obeyed'st none! to none didst rever-

ence. To God! Thy maker only e'er to devote thy

great existence."

The Conference proper opened this morn-

ing, 9 o'clock, (25th inst.) Owing to per-

sonal affliction, the retiring president, Rev.

G. Stewart, D. D., was not in his place on

the platform. His duties, however, were

generally performed by the co-delegate, Rev.

J. T. Brewster. The President elect, Rev.

J. M'Curry, on taking the chair addressed

the Conference. He spoke of the prosperity

with which the Church had been

favoured since our formation into a separate

denomination. While we had no occasion

for self gratulation, he thought that the

increase of our church members

was in proportion to increase of our

zeal. The co-delegate elect—Rev.

J. M'Curry, A. M., on entering upon his

duties, addressed in some humorous obser-

vations the brethren. He then

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General Intelligence.

The New British War Vessel.

(From the London Telegraph.)

Mention was made on Monday in the

House of Commons of the *Inflectible*,

the latest pattern of war-ship

building for our navy. The belief of

Admiral Eliot, that the days of ar-

mory plying are nearly over, is cer-

tainly not justified by this extraordi-

nary vessel. The exact drawings and

particulars of her build are very natu-

rally kept from public knowledge, but

we may, without any breach of

patent, give a general conception of

the design adopted in this the

youngest of our iron-clads. What

may be called the distinguishing char-

acteristic of the *Inflectible* is that she

is a water-tight vessel, with a

"wind and water line" at all.

Every one must know that the

vitals of a man-of-war lie along the belt

of her flotation—a breach of her sides in

that region lets in the sea and swamps

her. The *Inflectible* is built with a

side armor upon a central space 110

feet in length. It is twenty-four

inches thick, and protects with that

monstrous wall of solid iron her en-

gines, boilers, and her masts. The

four eight inch guns. Along the rest

of her—fore and aft—there is no ver-

tical armor, but a thick inside cas-

ing of cork of enormous buoyancy,

more than sixty feet square in section,

surrounding the iron-work and filled

with coal for the supply of the ship.

A horizontal deck of thick metal ex-

tending fore and aft from the citadel,

at a depth of six or seven feet from

the water level, will cover all the

armored upper portion from the real

load of the vessel. Thus if the enemy

should shoot or shell through

every coal bunker and corner of the

Inflectible, forward and aft, letting in

the water everywhere, she will still

float. If the design answers expectation—

lower her a single foot in the sea. Her

citadel, it may be confidently ex-

pected, he could not pierce; at any

rate with guns at present in use.

In a word, the constructors of the *Inflectible*

give an enemy the upper slices of the

ship, except her citadel, to do

what he likes with; and it is by mak-

ing the ends floatable under any cir-

cumstances that the iron-work of the

ship is made invulnerable. The

ram and the torpedo are therefore the only

perils which threaten this forthcom-

ing fighting ship, but previous to these

also might be provided against, if her

bottom under the water-deck were

constructed in many compartments.

Enough, however, has been already

hinted about our newest Behemoth to

show that she will live up to her

name. The armor-plating is certainly not

cuded yet.

Massacre of Christians in China.

A French periodical, *The Missions*

Catholiques, gives a detailed account

of the recent massacre of Roman

Catholics in the province of Szechuan,

China. The account is a shocking

one, and is corroborated by the

statements of several missionaries

who have recently returned from

the province. The massacre was

perpetrated by a band of

rebels, who were

incited by a

fanatical

leader.

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