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We have the pleasure to announce to all our friends and patrons that this is the XXth Volume of

THE CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, and in it we introduce a number of improvements tending to make it still more worthy of public encouragement. We have engaged the services of a talented Superintendent of the Art Department, competent to infuse new energy and excellence in our illustrations; and to show what we intend to accomplish in the Literary Department, we have only to publish the names of the following Canadian writers of note who have kindly consented to be occasional contributors to our columns:

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- II. It contains the only Canadian Portrait Gallery in existence, numbering already over 300, and containing the picture and biography of all the leading men of the Dominion in every department of life. This collection is invaluable for reference, can be found nowhere else, and ours is the only paper that can publish it.
- III. It gives views and sketches of all important events at home and abroad, as they transpire every week.
- IV. It has been publishing, and will continue to publish, illustrations of the principal towns, manufactures and industries of the country, which, when collected in a volume, will constitute the most complete pictorial gazetteer ever printed.
- V. Its original and selected matter is varied, spicy, and of that literary quality which is calculated to improve the public taste.
- VI. It studiously eschews all partisanship in politics, and all sectarianism in religion.

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OUR NEW STORY.

In this number we continue the publication of our original serial story, entitled:—

MY CREOLES:

A MEMOIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, BY JOHN LESPERANCE.

Author of "Rosalba," "The Bastonnais," &c.

This story will run through several months, and we bespeak for it the favour which was accorded to "The Bastonnais," originally published in these columns two years ago. The subject is new and interesting. The book will deal, *inter alia*, with the mysteries of Voodooism, and touch delicately upon several of those social questions which have so thoroughly agitated the North and South since the war. Begin your subscriptions with the opening of this story.

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| Tues. | 82° | 68° | 75° | Tues. | 76° | 67° | 71° |
| Wed. | 81° | 61° | 71° | Wed. | 77° | 64° | 70° |
| Thur. | 78° | 61° | 70° | Thur. | 74° | 67° | 70° |
| Frid. | 75° | 53° | 64° | Frid. | 80° | 69° | 74° |
| Sat. | 72° | 52° | 62° | Sat. | 85° | 70° | 77° |
| Sun. | 73° | 68° | 71° | Sun. | 84° | 67° | 75° |

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

Montreal, Saturday, August 16, 1879.

NOT THE INTENTION.

Many thoughtful people in the Province of Quebec, who take no interest in politics, feel a sense of relief at the announcement made by Mr. Joly that it is not the intention of his Government to proceed with the lease of the North Shore Railway to a Syndicate or Joint Stock Company. This sort of transaction, with respect to a railway, would be precisely the same thing as leasing a farm in this country. The proprietor might expect to have it returned on his hands at the expiration of the lease very much in the condition of a squeezed orange. Whatever stipulations might be made to prevent such result, they would be sure to be evaded or got over in one way or another. A company of persons holding a lease would not be, by any means, the same kind of thing as a company who had expended their own money to construct the work. They would only give their time and attention, and make a show of money which they never would have any intention to spend, for the sole and simple purpose of screwing out of the unfortunate railway the last possible cent. These are the plain and undoubted principles underlying a Syndicate of the kind we have heard spoken of, however respectable its individual members might be. There is also the less need for making the lease in question in view of a statement made the other day at Aylmer by the General Manager of the Western Division, Mr. Scott, to the effect that this Division, even with its present connections, paid 3 per cent. on the capital, besides the cost of its working expenses. But, even if it did not, it would be veridant to suppose that the Syndicate would make up any deficiency from their subscribed capital. They would give nothing, but take everything they could. There is a prevalent belief that a Government cannot manage a pub-

lic work as well as a Joint Stock Company. It is true that a Government is open to weaknesses from political appointments; but then, Joint Stock Companies have their weak sides. And it is a plain fact that those railways on the continent of Europe which have been built by Governments, and are run by Governments, are both better constructed and cheaper by one-half, while they give the public better accommodation at a cheaper rate of fare than the railways held by the vaunted Joint Stock Companies of England. There is no reason why the same state of things should not prevail in Canada. And, in fact, we already see that this very Government North Shore Railway, which is under the management of Mr. Scott, is well conducted, and the public have no fault to find. They are reasonably well served, both as regards cheapness and the attention paid to their wants; and there is no good reason why such a condition of things should not continue. Take again the Postal Telegraph system in England. There was a great outcry at first that the Government could not manage the telegraphs as well as the Joint Stock Companies. It is true that for the first two years there was a moderate loss on the operations, but this arose from the Government extending the wires to remote places, to which Joint Stock corporations, in their greed to make money, would never have gone; but the result now is that the telegraph system in England is thoroughly well managed; that the public are better accommodated than ever before; and, lastly, that it *pays*. Hereby another blow is given to the popular English delusion of the superiority of Joint Stock to Government management of an enterprise of this nature.

UNDUE EFFORTS.

Mr. LANGEVIN made a curious statement in his speech at Three Rivers, to the effect that almost at the moment of his departure from England, a copy of the Manchester *Examiner and Times*, of July 3rd, was put into his hands containing a letter headed "Canadian Politics—Free Trade Reaction," with these introductory words:—"The following letter will be read with interest. It comes from a leading member of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament." Mr. LANGEVIN further said there was also a leading article of two columns, alluding to the letter, containing this statement: "The communication which we publish in another column, and which would possess a much enhanced importance if we could publish the name of the writer, informs us that the colonists are already beginning to discover that Protection is only a delusion and a snare, which has only increased the distress from which it had promised to relieve them." Mr. LANGEVIN went behind this veil and plainly stated that the name of the "prominent member of the Opposition" was that of no less a person than Mr. MACKENZIE, the late Premier. This was certainly going very far for a Minister of the Crown; and we, therefore, suppose that he had reasons to justify him. He did trace resemblances between the letter and a speech delivered by Mr. MACKENZIE during the late session of Parliament, and he denounced in very severe terms Mr. MACKENZIE as having endeavoured to destroy the credit of Canada in England, and ruin, if possible, its prospects of borrowing through the endorsement of the Imperial Government. If Mr. MACKENZIE were the author of such a letter, it would be carrying party feeling pretty far. There certainly is no evidence that the country has repented its decision of September last as respects the National Policy. We have already shown that the Ontario elections did not afford any such test; and with regard to the by-elections won by the Liberals in the Province of Quebec, there is reason to believe that the great bulk of that party in this Province is itself Protectionist, although it is true that under the five years of Mr. MACKENZIE'S rule it was held under the Free Trade

flag by his iron will. But there is now no use of any recrimination of this kind. The country has decided, and the Parliament has enacted, by a very large majority, a law establishing a protective policy. It is, therefore, the duty of every one to assist in carrying it out at least to the extent of a fair trial, instead of attempting to produce uncertainty by hampering it, and so prolonging and extending the industrial depression under which the country has so long suffered.

Among our illustrations this week two pages are devoted to the late great fire in Hamilton, a full description of which will be found in a separate column of the present number.—An account of the public career of the Hon. THOMAS HEATH HAVILAND, the newly-appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, will also be found in connection with his portrait.—Another portrait is that of Lieutenant-Colonel GZOWSKI, who, on the occasion of the last celebration of the Queen's Birthday, was raised to the rank of an Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty. Col. GZOWSKI is one of our leading Canadians, particularly well known throughout Ontario, and holding the highest position in Toronto, where he resides. No man has done more than he to encourage the volunteer movement and to foster the development of rifle practice. He is at present in London with the Canadian Wimbledon Team.—Pursuing our illustrations of Toronto, to which several of our previous numbers were devoted, we give to-day a group of the principal churches of the Queen City.—The Ossuary at Custozzi represents the magnificent monument lately inaugurated to the memory of the Austrian and Italian soldiers who fell on that great field of blood.—We add a picture of a boat accident at Clayton, N. Y., opposite Kingston, in which several persons were drowned from the steamer *Josephine*, which capsized and foundered. Our sketch is from a photograph by A. C. McINTYRE, Clayton—Lovers of the curious and antique will be pleased to find a sketch of the old log cabin of Governor SIMCOE, which our artist took on the spot the very day of its removal from its primitive site on the Don to the Exhibition grounds. This relic is full of historic interest, and is intended as a future museum for remains and remnants of the early pioneer days of York.

MR. LANGEVIN made a statement in his speech at Three Rivers to the effect that the Customs revenue during the first five months of 1879 was \$5,741,354, against \$4,849,688 during the corresponding five months of the previous year. And, further, as respected excise, the revenue in the same five months of 1879 was \$2,721,208, against \$1,970,340 in the corresponding months of 1878. The increase, therefore, is: From Customs, \$891,666, and from Excise, \$750,868. It is true, however, that the increases both in Excise and Customs arose during the first three months of the year, doubtless in anticipation of Tariff action, while there is decline in April and May. All this, however, is natural, while we have the satisfactory fact of decided increase in the revenue; and there is no reason whatever to suppose, as has been contended by some of our contemporaries, that Sir LEONARD TILLEY'S Tariff will not produce the revenue which he estimated.

We have received the following from a gentleman in Stirling, Ont.:—"In your issue of the 9th inst., is an article headed "As Others See Us," in which quotations are made from a communication in the *Nineteenth Century*, from the pen of a Mr. T. T. VERNON SMITH. Some years ago a gentleman of the same name was connected with the Marmora Iron Works in this country; he left here upwards of 20 years ago, and for the last 15 years I have tried in vain to get his post office. Perhaps you can assist me in my researches; if so, you will greatly oblige." If any of our readers can supply the in-