

with the incipient moustache. It may be of service to him, if if he have brain and to ponder on the fate of these "Catholic officers" to whom I have alluded.

SCOTCH NEWS.

[By Mail]

It has been suggested that the new docks at Leith should be called "The Gladstone Docks."

There is some probability of a series of deep sea soundings being taken the coast of Scotland during the summer.

Lord Kinnaird has liberally conceded the privilege of ground game to his tenants on the Rossie Priory estates, except where there are shooting leases.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify that her royal bounty of £50 be awarded to Rev. Dr Gordon, of St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, in recognition of his meritorious literary labours.

The annual sittings of the Convention of Royal and Parliamentary Burghs commenced in Edinburgh 12 April there was a large attendance, 81 Royal and Parliamentary burghs being represented. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh was elected president of the Convention.

The Magistrates of Glasgow held a special meeting on 11th April to receive a large number of deputations, who presented memorials praying for a reduction in the number of public-houses. The Lord Provost promised that the memorials would receive earnest attention.

Two schooners attempted on Saturday, 9th April, to pass together through the East Coast Sealock of the Caledonian Canal, but the lock proving too small they became jammed, and the ebbing tides left them suspended in the air. At the next tide they were filled with water and completely submerged. It is expected they will have to be broken up before through navigation can be resumed.

The estate of Laigh Park, belonging to the Duke of Abercorn, and occupied by Mr. M. Kyle, farmer, on the east of the Forth, north of the town, has been laid out for fencing. The estate was completely surrounded by the waters of Forth, and in breadth extends from the river to the Runfrew road, and is divided by the Paisley and Renfrew Railway. It is proposed by the plans that the portion west of the railway to be occupied by public works and workmen's houses, while the eastern portion is intended for villas, &c.

THE WAR IN NORTH AFRICA.

TERRIBLE CHARGES—FRENCH SUCCESSSES.

PARIS, May 3.—General exasperation has been caused here by mondaculous letters which Ali Bey has just addressed to his brother Mohammed Elshadok, accusing the French troops of horrible atrocities at Mubunbir. Men and women, writes Ali, were slaughtered indiscriminately, not even pregnant women being spared. I myself saw two disembowelled females lying in a hut which had been burned, their little ones lay beside them. I had to alter my route to avoid horrors that met my eyes. All had a double purpose in planning this lotter. He hoped to excuse his ignominious retreat satisfactorily to the Tunisian fanatics and to revenge himself on the French Generals for forbidding him to enter the Beja. General Legorot has protested against the letter.

PARIS, May 4.—A telegram just received from the special correspondent of the *Figaro* at Tacolite, and dated May 3rd, announces that Gen. Legorot's division after a rapid march and turning movement, has succeeded in pacifying all the country through which he passed, and on Friday, (Tuesday) noon we counted altogether 1000 the Kroumirs on the side opposite to that which was attacked by Gen. Dollenberg. Some Arabs having fired on an officer sent out to observe the movements of the Chulias occupied in the plain of Dukia, General Legorot ordered his troops to advance, and an important cavalry engagement took place. The French squadrons made a brilliant charge, killing, it is said, 400 of the enemy, and capturing a quantity of booty. The French loss is insignificant as usual. M. Allegro, the renegade Tunisian Consul, declares that he distinctly saw a number of Tunisian regulars fighting in the Kroumirs ranks, under the command of three of their own officers.

FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, May 5.—The crop of hay this year is likely to be poorer over the country. The growth has not been good and the grass of last season was out clearer than ever known before. This is a poor outlook for those who have entered into contracts with American firms for pressed hay.

The extensive cheese exporter, Mr. George Morton, of Kingston, is at present in the city. He has had several interviews with the Governor-General and members of the Cabinet pertaining to matters in connection with his Northwest colonization scheme. His intention is to land 5000 head of cattle with a capital of \$10,000, to fence 224 farms of 160 acres each; break up 40 acres on each farm; build a good house, and stock each lot with 30 milch cows; all these to be served by a narrow gauge railroad, two feet, with a station at every man's door. The railway to be 3½ miles in length, with 16 stations; also, to collect the milk twice daily for six months or longer; to raise all the calves instead of decalating them, as practiced in dairy districts in America, and to have the milk sent to poor men having families, for manufacturing casein, cotton and Gruyere cheese from 6,700 cows which could be sold or rented at the option of the settler. This scheme will be of great advantage to poor men having families, who can milk the stock, thus saving the otherwise necessary outlay for labor. It will doubtless cause a stir in the cheese producing communities of America and Great Britain. Connected with this scheme 75,000 acres of a ranch for feeding steers are required, and are expected to be leased from the Government.

THE NIHILISTS.

VIENNA, May 5.—While on the one hand preparations are going forward for the great *Feste* to signal the entrance of the Princess Stephanie of Belgium into Vienna and her marriage with the Crown Prince, on the other there is gloom and fear in many high circles on account of the increasing gravity of the news from Russia. It is feared that nothing can long save the new Czar from the fate of his father. It is believed the news of his assassination will be the signal for an outbreak which will not be confined to Russia, but which will spread throughout Austria, Germany and Italy, and shake all the thrones of Europe. The audacity of the Nihilists increases day by day. They have agents everywhere. Their system of communication with each other is wonderfully perfect. Their determination to carry out their plans is unshaken. It is believed the next few weeks will witness the rapid succession of tragedies that will shock the whole world.

Rumors of the illness of the Carina are declared untrue.

"The theory that a submerged body can be raised by firing cannon over it was recently proved in Chicago. A plumbier named Leonard had jumped off the wharf and drowned himself, and his friends got out the artillery and raised him by firing over the spot where he had gone down."