

THE YEAR THAT HAS GONE.

The year 1867 has departed and borne with it many a fondly nurtured hope that was destined to disappointment. The mass of mankind may not know the plans which each private individual had projected, and trusted to accomplish ere the year had vanished and became lost in eternity as a snow flake in the ocean.

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Since 1838 no year has been so important to the working classes of England as the one of whose demise we are speaking. The Reform Bill fought its way against Tory prejudices and various other obstacles, and now it might almost be said that every household in that country of distinctions has the right to exercise the franchise for whom he thinks most suitable to represent him in Parliament.

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tion in the world was represented by its products and its people, and "crowns became as common as cockades" in the metropolis of fashion. In the early part of the year Fenianism demonstrated its existence in Ireland. A few enthusiasts unarmed except with a profound and blind faith in the justice of their cause made a mad attempt to redress by physical force the wrongs of Ireland.

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In September the elections for the House of Commons and the Local Legislature took place, and seldom, perhaps never in the history of Canada has such a contest been waged between parties. Not an energy on either side remained inoperative, and the battle was fought out without faltering, or the idea of retreating. On the 7th of November the Parliament of the Dominion assembled at Ottawa, and although more might have been done during the sitting, still what has been done is liable to but few objections.

The temporal power of the Pope has been assailed, and the mountains of Italy have reverberated with the thunder of hostile cannon. Garibaldi though frustrated at Aspromonte did not be deprived of his original spirit, nor could adversity quench his passion for making Rome the capital of a united Italy. On the contending currents of the irresolute Victor Emmanuel's mind as he watched the efforts of the old hero while his own hands were bound by the September convention it were vain to speculate.

In the early part of October the Pan-Anglican Synod met at Lambeth Palace to discuss the principle of true catholicity, but as the reports of the proceedings are laid up carefully among the dusty archives of Lambeth, little that was effected is known. It was in this month also that the failure of the Commercial Bank caused a monetary panic, and for a while caused a commotion in Canada. War rages still in South America, and England's gauntlet has grasped the brand to demand satisfaction for injuries from an African savage. Reconstruction progresses very slowly in the States, but the impeachment folly has received its quietus. Not long since Fenianism dared to raise its head once more and the Manchester executions roused its atrocity in ways more befitting men for whom the sun of civilization never yet shone, than those born and reared in a christian country.

The year 1867 has witnessed the demise of some eminent men. Of these it will be sufficient to merely mention the names. Mr. M. P. Willis, Charles Browne, familiarly known as "Artemus Ward" the clownman, Dr. Campbell, the prominent Independent Minister, Professor Gibson of Belfast, Professor Farrer, St. Francis, Rome, the English

that our columns contained an obituary notice of the Hon. Mr Blair. The year has been one of local changes and improvements, but these we have noted as they occurred, and are too vividly in the recollection of all interested to require repetition, and we conclude by expressing our hope that the year now entered on under favourable omens may prove to all our readers a happy one, and that they may see the new year return while life has in it the power of enjoying the innocent pleasures that the world affords.

British Fat Cattle Shows.

To the Editor of the Mercury. SIR,—It will doubtless interest your numerous Scotch readers of agricultural proclivities, especially those who hail from "Aberdeen awa," to learn that their country and county still maintain their distinguished excellence for the rearing and fattening of stock. The two great exhibitions in Britain of Fat Stock are now concluded, and from recent home papers I observe that, as usual, Mr W. McCombie, Tillyfour, Aberdeenshire, stands pre-eminently at the head of the list of successful Scottish exhibitors, and indeed at Birmingham fairly eclipses ALL competitors at the show there, which boasted of no fewer than 3078 entries—towards which cattle contributed 122, sheep 82, pigs 81, poultry 2107, pigeons 565, roots 76, and corn 45; the prizes amounted to the large sum of £2600 sterling.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts Before the 15th of JANUARY, inst., or they will be placed in the Division Court for collection. N CROFT, No. 40, Wyndham-st. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dw-t date

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Insolvent Act of 1864.

In the matter of Thos. McKee Grier, AN INSOLVENT. THE creditors of the Insolvent are notified to meet at the Office of the undersigned, in the Court House, Guelph, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY next, at the hour of TWELVE o'clock noon, for the public examination of the Insolvent, and for the ordering of his affairs generally. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, Dec. 26, 1867. dw23

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N. HIGINBOTHAM

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