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OUR CHROMO.

Owing to the large number of copies of the Chromo now being printed the delivery to subscribers has been unavoidably delayed. We are printing in three tints more than we originally intended, and are thus necessarily somewhat behind. The work is being proceeded with with the utmost diligence, and our subscribers may expect the delivery at an early date.

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MECHANICS MAGAZINE.

PROSPECTUS.

The undersigned has the honour to announce that he has been entrasted by the Honourable Commissioner of Patents for the Dominion of Canala, with the publication of the OFFICIAL RE-CORD OF THE PATENT OFFICE, to be illustrated by diagrams of all the patents susceptible of illustration. This Official Record will be published Monthly, and will be combined with letterpress and illustrations selected from the best English and foreign scientific papers, thus not only placing before the public of the Dominion the products of native genius and industry, but also keeping them posted on the progress of Science and Mechanics in other countries. Inventors will thus know in what direction to apply their ideas. Mechanics will note the advance in laboursaving appliances, and the improvement in tools. Manufacturers will be prevented from employing obsolete methods, while new machinery and modes of operation are in use elsewhere. Builders and contractors will know where to apply for all the latest productions in their line combining economy, beauty, and utility. Chemists and Druggists will be saved useless search for compounds already invented by others, and be tobl where to get the most recently discovered curative remedies and tollet perquisites. Farmers will see every new agricultural implement illustrated and described. In a word there is not a scientific, industrial, mechanical, or commercial pursuit that will not be benefited by this publication. It is therefore expected that a very large circulation will take place among all classes, and the price is fixed correspondingly low.

THE CANADIAN PATENT OFFICE RECORD AND MECHANICS MAGAZINE will be published once a month. The official portion will cover from 16 to 32 pages, comprising from 100 to 240 patent claims, specifications and diagrams. the publication will commence with the patents issued under tion September 1st, 1872, the

OUR NEXT NUMBER

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CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1873.

WEDNESDAY next is the day appointed for the reassembling of the Dominion Legislature, and the inauguration of a session which has been looked forward to ever since the general election of last year with much interest and not a little curiosity as to its results. The situation is very much such as has been pourtrayed by our artist in this week's cartoon. There can be no doubt that a battle royal is in preparation, and that a very few days will elapse after the opening when the conflict will commence in good earnest. Ministerialists and Oppositionists are alike hopeful of the success of their party. The elections in Ontario have resulted entirely in favour of the latter, and the consequence is a cherished and widelyboasted expectation on their part of the defeat of the present Government, and the assumption by the Reform Party of the reins of the State. On the other side the supporters of the Ministry are equally confident of the success of their own party. As matters now stand Rumour may well be doubtful as to whether Macdonaid will defeat Mackenzie. or Mackenzie overturn Macdonald. Whichever way the victory goes one thing is certain, the majority obtained by the victorious side will be but a small one. An additional feature of interest is given to the coming session by the recent changes in the personnel of the Ministry. Sir Francis Hincks has resigned, and his position as Finance Minister has been assumed by the Hon. Mr. Tilley, who is in turn succeeded as Minister of Customs by Dr. Tupper, while Mr. O'Connor takes the Inland Revenue, and Mr. Robitaille the Receiver-Generalship. The greatest regret is on all sides expressed at the retirement of Sir Francis Hincks. As an old and experienced Cauadian statesman he has in great measure identified himself with the history of the country. Since his return to Canada and to office he has had in his position as Finance Minister many difficult problems to deal with. But he has triumphed over all the obstacles in his path, and the management of the department under his charge has been characterized throughout by boldness, vigour, and well-merited success. He has left the Treasury in a most prosperous condition, and there is THE CANADIAN PATENT OFFICE RECORD AND every reason to believe that under the new administration it will flourish as under the old. Mr. Tilley has enjoyed long financial experience in his own Province, New Brunswick, where he held for some years the position of Financial Secretary, and in Dr. Tupper he has a coadjutor of the highest ability.

A recent article in the Times, in which that "leader of public opinion in England " reiterates its advice to Canada to sever its connection with Great Britain, and affectionately urges us to take up our freedom, as our days of apprenticeship are over, has, we learn, "been met in England by a storm of indignant remarks." The Morning Post, the Standard, the Telegraph, and the other leading daily journals, have been administering to their greater brother a sound scolding on the impropriety of constituting itself the exponent of the feeling of the nation in this matter; while the Saturday Review, in its usually happy style, has held up to the brightest glare of ridicule the absurd pretensions of the Times. In this country the remarks of the Thunderer have decidedly created a stir, and given rise to much indignant protest, and not a little complaint. Hardly a day passes but we come across an editorial in one paper or another in which the writer either vehemently repudiates the gratuitous advice of the Times, or bewails the falling off in the British spirit which prompts such a suggestion as that of the breaking up of the colonial connection. For our part we fail to see that there exists so much ground for either complaint or protest as some of our writers either do, or affect to, believe. We are convinced that the large majority, if not the whole body, of Englishmen, firmly believe in Canadian loyalty. Of its existence they have had sufficient proof. We know that the desire for the severance of colonial connection is not generally shared in the old country. And in this matter-and not in this alonewe must respectfully decline to admit that the Times represents the will of the people. Believing this, we fail to see any reason for the outcry that has been made. England wishes to retain Canada; Canada wishes to be retained by England. While this is the case, the Times may cry out for separation as loud as it will, without altering to any perceptible degree the public wish. And as for us, we can afford to look upon its outcries and its advice with the same goodhumoured contempt which inspired the labourer in the story who, on being condoled with on his wife's ill-temper, philosophically replied, "Oh, it amuses she, and it don't hurt I!" There is one feature, however, in the Times article which cannot be allowed to pass without remark. The charming simplicity, not to say ignorance, displayed as to matters respect-

ing Canada, is, to say the least, decidedly unworthy of a journal that pretends to be the leader of public thought. We should like to know where the Times got the information im. parted in the following lines : "There are in Canada elements "to form a great people, and the danger is that compara-" tively nothing will be made of them. Look at the French "Canadians, and consider the energy their ancestors had "when they swarmed out of Normandy and Brittany to settle "along the St. Lawrence. What are they now? They are "the most amiable people on the American Continent, but a "state of pupillage has reduced their higher capacities to some-" thing little removed from the standard of a native Indian " Where on earth did the writer get his idea of the standard of the French Canadian ? It looks suspiciously as though it had been evolved from his own inner consciousness. Is the Times aware that much of the prosperity of Canada is due to these same French Canadians whose higher capacities have been reduced to something little removed from the standard of a native Indian ? that they occupy high and honoured places in our legislative halls ? that they swell in no small degree the ranks of our Canadian authors ? that our learned professions are proud of them as members? It would be well for the Times writer and his fellows, before attempting to lay down the law, to get up a little information on this subject. Discat qui didliscet is a motto decidedly applicable to their case.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. THOMAS GUTHRIE, D. D.

The death is announced of the Rev. Dr. Guthrie, one of the most celebrated divines and pulpit-orators of the Presbyterian Church in the United Kingdom. The deceased was born in 1300 at Brechin, Forfarshire, where his father was an influential merchant and banker. He studied at Edinburgh for the Church of Scotland, and having received his license to preach proceeded to Paris, where for some time he followed the medical course, his object being to acquire sufficient therapeutic knowledge to enable him to assist the sick poor in his fature parish. On his return he spent some time in his father's banking house, and finally in 1830 was ordained and received the charge of the parish of Arbilot, in his native county. He was subsequently called to Edinburgh and was attached to the collegiate church of Old Greyfriars. Here he attained such popularity that a church was built especially for him and a new parish constituted, of which he took charge in 1849. It was here, as the pastor of St. John's, that Dr. Guthrie connected his name with the Ragged School movement, and won by his fervent appeals and his strenuous exertions on behalf of the destitute and homeless children of the Scottish capital his highest title to the esteem of his fellow-men. To him was in great measure due the establishment of the Edinburgh Original Ragged or Industrial School. In church matters Dr Guthrie took a prominent part, and his name is connected with those of Chalmers, Candlish, and Cunningham in the Non-intrusion Controversy and the other questions which led to the establishment, in 1843, of the Free Church. In literature he also achieved honourable distinction, and for some years past has been well-known as the editor of the Sunday Magazine. His fame as a pulpit-orator is widely spread abroad. Wherever he preached the church was invariably crowded to overflowing. Of late years, however, owing to the had state of his health he had been compelled to give up regular pulpit duty, and when last heard from he was recruiting his failing forces at an English watering-place.

THE MAGAZINES.

'The Atlantic opens with another of James Parton's papers on Jefferson—a series of wide interest beyond the mere coun-try of which Jefferson was a citizen. We trust to see these papers reproduced at some future day in more enduring form. This is followed by a story of art at Florence, of a poor, halfcrazed, American painter, who fancies he is to reproduce The Madonna of the future, which shall be worthy to rank side by side with "the most tenderly fair of Raphael's Virgins, the Madonna in the Chair." Of course the poor fellow's hopes are never realized, and he dies on awakening from the cher-Another instalment of the Robert Owen serie ished dream. is given retailing further of the experiences of the writer's father at New Lanark. Perhaps the most remarkable paper in this number is that by Edward Spencer, entitled "A Good Word for Quacks," in which the writer argues that imagination is of more effect in healing than the more exhibition of drugs. Without agreeing with him to any great extent, we admit that he makes one or two excellent points, and he has certainly succeeded in investing his subject with considerable interest. Of course we expect to see the matter taken up by the medical journals. While speaking of medical matters we must notice the article on Life Under Glass, advocating the establishment of sanatoria on the hot-house system for the accommodation and treatment of invalids during the winter months. The idea is not a new one, and has, we believe, been already experimented on, though with but indifferent success, in England. Celia Thaxter's " Heartbreak Hill," and Bayard Taylor's "John Reed's Thoughts," are especially deserving of mention. The latter is a real gem. Its burden is briefly given in the fifth stanza, on the "something" that "comes in the spring."

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It's the hankering after a life that you never have learned to know:

It's the discontent with a life that is always thus and so; It's the wondering what we are, and where we are going to go