



THE GOVERNMENT STEAMER "STANLEY" CROSSING A FIELD OF ICE BETWEEN PICTOU, N.S., AND GEORGETOWN, P.E.I.—Though ordinary navigation closes in Prince Edward Island about the middle of December, and is seldom resumed before the end of April or the beginning of May, this does not imply a complete interruption of the intercourse between the island and the mainland. There has long been submarine telegraphic communication with New Brunswick. Ice-boats carry mails and passengers between Cape Traverse, P.E.I., and Cape Tourmentine, and the steamers pass to and fro nearly the whole winter between Pictou and Georgetown. Our engraving gives a fair notion of what sort of voyage the latter is. The "Northern Light," which had been employed in this service for a number of years, having in 1888 been found on inspection to be badly strained and her engine and boilers practically worthless, it was deemed advisable to procure a new vessel. The "Stanley" was designed by and built under the direction of Capt. McElhinney, of the Marine Department, with every regard for the hard work that is required. The bow is so constructed as to take the ice in a slanting direction, and at such angles as will least obstruct the headway of the vessel. The forefoot or lower part of the stem is raised considerably above the line of the keel to enable her to run over and sink the ice. This vessel has proved successful so far, and has been able to work her way through ice 18 inches in thickness at a rate of about eight miles an hour. She is built wholly of Siemens-Martin steel, and the plating ranges from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 3-16 inches in thickness. The engines are of the triple expansion type and of 2,500 indicated horse-power. The speed obtained in open water is 15 miles an hour. The dimensions are:—Length, 207 feet; breadth, 32 feet; depth, 11.6 feet. The trip across the Strait of Northumberland, from Pictou to Georgetown during the ice season in the "Stanley," is very interesting.

CAPTAIN FINLAYSON, COMMANDER OF THE STEAMER "STANLEY."—This gentleman, whose portrait may be seen on another page, and whose vessel, the "Stanley," is also depicted in this issue, entered the service of the Canadian Government on the 1st of November, 1876, when he was placed in command of the "Northern Light." On the 13th of December, 1888, he took command of the "Stanley," on that vessel being constructed and got ready for the service in which the "Northern Light" had been previously employed. Captain Finlayson is a native of Prince Edward Island, having been born in the town of Belfast there on the 14th of April, 1847, so that he knows the strait and adjacent waters as one "to the manner born." He has had considerable experience both of sailing and steam ships, having commanded vessels of both kinds in the Atlantic. He holds a Board of Trade Certificate as master in both sail and steam. His long experience in navigating the ice in Northumberland Strait make him just the man to take charge of the "Stanley."

THE HON. SENATOR L. R. MASSON, P.C., EX-LIEUT.-GOVERNOR, ETC.—The Hon. Mr. Masson, fourth son of the late Hon. Joseph Masson, M.L.C., was born at Terrebonne, P.Q., on the 7th of November, 1833, and was educated at the Jesuits' College, Georgetown, Worcester, Mass., and at St. Hyacinthe, in this province. Having completed his collegiate studies, he travelled in Europe, in company with the Rev. Abbé Desaulniers, of the College, St. Hyacinthe, for two years, thus laying in a stock of valuable knowledge, which has proved of great advantage to him in his public career. In 1859, having studied law in the office of the late Sir Geo. E. Cartier, Mr. Masson was admitted to the Bar, but he has never practised. Since the year 1862 he has held a commission in the volunteer force. In 1863 he was appointed brigade-major for the 8th Military District; he did active duty on the frontier during the Fenian Raids of 1866, and in the following year was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Col. Masson had in the meantime held office in the municipality of Terrebonne, of which town he was in 1874 elected mayor. During the previous year he had been offered, but declined, a seat in the cabinet of Sir John Macdonald, owing to his scruples as to certain questions—that of the New Brunswick School Law especially. In 1878 he was again invited to take charge of a portfolio, and on his return from Europe, where he had been travelling, he was sworn in a member of the Privy Council, and appointed Minister of Militia and Defence. During his occupancy of that position, he did much to complete and improve the military organization of the Dominion, devoting attention more particularly to the introduction of drill into the public schools. He had always been in favour of protection as a means for the encouragement of native invention, industry and enterprise, and he put his ideas into practice in discharging the duties of his department by insisting (as far as possible) on the supply of clothes, weapons and ammunition by Canadian firms. Delicate health, unhappily, compelled the honorable gentleman's retirement early in the year 1880, when he became President of the Council. A little later he withdrew from the cabinet altogether. In 1882 he was called to the Senate, and retained his seat in the Upper Chamber until November, 1884, when he was nominated Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. The duties of that exalted

position the Hon. Mr. Masson discharged with dignity and fairness, and it was with sincere regret that the public of this province and the Dominion learned in the fall of 1887 that the state of his health did not permit him to complete his term of office. On the 20th of October, in the year above mentioned, the Hon. A. R. Angers, our present esteemed Lieutenant-Governor, was appointed his successor. The Hon. Mr. Masson is, however, so situated that he must, even in private life, exert an important influence for good. As the inheritor of a princely fortune, he is constantly called upon to exercise his faculties in administration. The late Madame Masson (*née* Raymond) left, on her death in 1883, large legacies to charitable objects. The Deaf-Mute Institution of this city benefited by her generosity to the extent of \$20,000. Masson College, Terrebonne, is another of her gifts to the cause of education. In 1856 Col. Masson married Miss Louise Rachel, eldest daughter of the late Hon. Lt.-Col. Alexander Mackenzie, M.L.C. This lady having died, leaving a family of three sons and two daughters, Col. Masson married in 1884 Miss Cecile, daughter of Mr. John H. Burroughs, prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Canada. During his retirement from public life, Mr. Masson usefully devoted his leisure to historical research, certain manuscripts in his possession enabling him to shed welcome light on a phase of our national development, touching which our information had hitherto been scanty. The first fruit of his labours was given to the world last year in a volume—"Les Bourgeois de la Compagnie du Nord-Ouest"—of which a brief outline appeared in our columns. It is a record of the utmost interest. A few weeks ago the Hon. Mr. Masson was once more nominated to the Senate.

THE REV. FATHER MCCALLEN, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.—On Sunday, the 16th inst., the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society commenced the celebration of what few like societies can boast—its jubilee. Fifty years ago the society was formed through the efforts of the Rev. Father Phelan, who afterwards became Bishop of Kingston. Beginning with a mere handful of earnest men, to-day the society numbers its thousands. Some of those who took part in the celebration had been connected with the society from the first. Among these was the vice-president, Hon. Senator Edward Murphy, who has been an office-bearer of the society continuously for forty-nine years. The clergy present on the occasion were the Revs. P. Dowd, J. Toupin, M. Callaghan, J. Callaghan, J. Casey, J. McCallen, J. Lonergan, P.P., St. Bridget's; Father Salmon, St. Mary's; Father O'Meara, St. Gabriel's; Flynn and Girard, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's; Father Donnelly, St. Anthony's; Father Traggasser, Hotel Dieu; Fathers Deguire and Filiatrault, of St. James, and Brother Arnold. And among the laymen, including representatives of sister societies, there were, besides Senator Murphy, Ald. P. Kennedy, Messrs. H. J. Cloran, Jos. Phelan, R. Lennan, T. J. Finn, P. O'Reilly, T. P. Tansey, J. T. Gethings, A. Jones, J. A. Duclos, F. McCabe, J. P. Nugent, H. Butler, Thos. Latimore and J. Patterson. Besides the usual badge, members wore a tasteful memento of white silk with the inscription—"1840, Golden Jubilee St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, Feb. 16, 1890." His Grace Archbishop Fabre was the celebrant at early Mass, assisted by the Rev. Fathers J. Toupin and Casey. In the evening there was a large congregation, which comprised the representatives of sister societies, the gentlemen already mentioned having seats of honour. The Rev. Father McCallen, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, selected for his text Exodus XII. 13 & 14: "Erit autem sanguis vobis in signum in ædibus in quibus eritis, et videbo sanguinem et transibo vos, nec erit in vobis plaga disperdens quando percussero terram Ægypti. Habebitis autem hanc diem in monimentum, et celebrabit eam sollemnem Domino in generationibus vestris cultu sempiternum." The reverend gentleman drew a happy parallel between the deliverance of the children of Israel from the dreadful bondage of intemperance, and applied his text very forcibly to the actual condition of this city and province, and the urgent need for more earnest and energetic temperance work. The Rev. Father Deguire pronounced the Benediction. The musical portion of the service was exceedingly fine, the "Ave Maria," with violin obligato by Rev. Martin Callaghan being sweetly rendered. The choir was under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler, and well sustained its reputation. The altar presented a very pretty appearance, and for its arrangement Mr. S. Young, sacristan, is worthy of credit. The celebration was continued in the Queen's Hall on Monday evening, when the vice-president (Hon. Senator Murphy) delivered an historical review of the society's half century's work. The Rev. James A. McCallen, S.S., was born in Philadelphia in March, 1847. He studied classics in St. Mary's College, Wilmington, Delaware, and St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., entering St. Mary's Theological Seminary and University in 1866. In 1869 he was sent to complete his studies in the Seminary of St. Sulpice at Paris, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1871. During the siege of Paris Father McCallen, then a student in theology, served in the ambulance corps attached to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, which for the five months of the siege was converted into a military hospital for the care of the sick and wounded soldiers. Entering the Society of St. Sulpice in 1871, he was sent to St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., as professor of philosophy, elocution and sacred eloquence. After sixteen years as professor in that institution, he was transferred to St. Patrick's Church, in this city, in September, 1887, being associated with the venerable Father

Dowd, S.S., and the other priests of St. Patrick's in the care of that large and important congregation. He is the president and spiritual director of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society. The society claims the honour of being the oldest Catholic temperance society on this continent. Its title at its foundation was the "Irish Catholic Temperance Association," changed in 1841 to the "Irish Catholic Total Abstinence Society," and finally, when St. Patrick's Church was opened in 1847, to "St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society," which it still retains. The word "Benefit" was added some years ago when a benefit branch was founded. The following are the names of the rev. presidents of the society in the order of their succession:—Rev. P. Phelan, S.S., Rev. — Richards, S.S., Rev. J. J. Connelly, S.S., Rev. P. Dowd, S.S., Rev. James Hogan, S.S., Rev. F. Bakewell, S.S., Rev. L. W. Leclair, S.S., Rev. — McDonald, Rev. P. J. Kennan, S.S., Rev. M. Callaghan, S.S., and Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S. The oldest member of the society is the present chief lay officer, Hon. Edward Murphy, who joined the society on the day of its formation, and who, during fifty years of membership, has served forty-nine as an active office bearer. The society is composed not only of those who, on the payment of fixed monthly dues, are entitled to certain pecuniary benefit, but of all the members of St. Patrick's congregation who have pledged themselves to total abstinence, and who have had their names enrolled on the books of the society. At the entertainment in continuance of the celebration at the Queen's Hall on Monday evening Father McCallen delivered a lecture on the "Lights and Shades in Human Character," which was highly appreciated. The Hon. Edward Murphy delivered an historical address, which was both interesting and instructive. The musical portion of the programme was well selected and admirably carried out, the choir, under the direction of Prof. Fowler, and the orchestra, in charge of Mr. P. F. McCaffrey, contributing some selections from Arnaud, Gounod, Balfe, Sullivan and other masters, while Miss Eugenie Tessier and Messrs. J. F. Greene, J. P. Hammill and J. J. Rowan added much to the enjoyment of the large audience. Miss Tessier's song "Smiling Hope" (Lavallee) was greeted with hearty and deserved applause. Altogether the celebration from first to last was worthy of the cause for which it was organized.

JOHN FISHER WOOD, ESQ., M.P., DEPUTY SPEAKER, HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Mr. J. F. Wood, whose recent appointment as Deputy Speaker gave such satisfaction to his constituents and parliamentary colleagues, is still in the prime of life, having been born on the 12th of October, 1852, in Elizabethtown, Leeds County. His father, Mr. John Wood, a well known railroad contractor, came to Canada from Dundee, Scotland, and settled in Brockville. By the mother's side the Deputy Speaker is of Irish origin. Mr. Wood, senior, having married Ann, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Madden, of Ballycastle, Mayo. Having studied at the Farmersville Grammar School, Mr. J. F. Wood began his course in law, and at Easter term, 1876, was called to the Bar of Ontario, and was soon able to work up a profitable practice. He did not, however, devote himself so exclusively to professional business as to leave himself no opportunity of being of service to his community and country in a public capacity. He has been solicitor for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and for the Brockville Building and Savings Society. He has also been vice-president of the Brockville Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad. In 1882 Mr. Wood was elected to the Dominion Parliament as representative of Brockville, and since he has been a member of the House of Commons, has won the esteem of his fellow-legislators, as well for his abilities as for his moral and social qualities. The manner in which his nomination as Deputy Speaker was received indicates the estimation in which he is held.

THE HON. W. J. MACDONALD, SENATOR, ETC.—This gentleman belongs to a branch of the Macdonalds which claims descent from Somerled, Thane of Argyll and Lord of the Isles, and is the third son of the late Major Alexander Macdonald, of Valley, North Uist and Glendale, Isle of Skye. He was born in the County of Inverness in the year 1832, and came to Canada in 1861. On the 17th of March, 1867, he married Catherine, second daughter of Captain J. M. Reed, of the Honorable Hudson's Bay Company. He has filled the position of Collector of Customs. In 1866 and again in 1871, he was elected Mayor of Victoria, B.C. He has served in the militia, holding the rank of captain, has been a member of the first Board of Education and road commissioner. In 1859 he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, in which he served for several years, and has also been a Legislative Councillor in British Columbia. When that province entered the Dominion he was called to the Senate. Senator Macdonald has thus been in public life in Vancouver Island under three dispensations—when the island and the mainland were distinct provinces, after their union under a single administration and under the federal regime.

SCENES AT WOODSTOCK, N.B.—These two scenes bespeak natural advantages well used, enterprise and thrift. The town of Woodstock, N.B., is situated on the St. John river, in Carleton County, of which it is the chief town, and is about 120 miles from the city of St. John. It has long been the centre of a stirring manufacturing district, various kinds of wood and iron works being established there for many years. The saw-mill in one of our views illustrates a fruitful class of industries in which New Brunswick excels, including carriage-building, furniture, doorknobs and blind factories, etc., and several of these are successfully conducted at Woodstock. In the neighbourhood