

NEW OIL TERRITORY AT PETROLEA.

Referring to the new "strikes," at Petrolea, the particulars of which we made public a couple of weeks ago, the Wyoming *News Letter* says—

"In last week's report I stated that Messrs. McDougall and Blackburn's well, put down on new territory west of the old, was a failure. Such is not the fact, as it has been flowing ever since the tubing down, at the rate of 12 barrels per day of a very superior quality of oil. This well opens up a vast tract of oil territory, being situated some two and a half or three miles west from the old territory.

"Mr. Lancy has commenced another well on the same lot on which he drilled the other one, near Mr. McDougall's new well, and I hope he will meet with better success than attended his last enterprise.

"We understand that, in view of the great success of Mr. McDougall's new well, there will be in a few days no less than four or five rigs going up in that vicinity."

This is very encouraging for the oil interest, and indicates a permanency of supply of crude oil which should not fail to introduce the application of great capital to the business of refining. It may be said, also, that the treatment of Canadian oil in a manner fitting it for the European market is now undoubted, leaving it stronger in its burning properties, non-explosive under any ordinary circumstances, and quite as white and free from smell as that made in the United States. There are good times ahead for oil!

PRINCE ARTHUR AT WASHINGTON.—The correspondent of the *New York World*, in his account of the ball at Minister Thornton's, at Washington, says: Extreme was the chagrin of the dignitaries who had called during the past week, but never before, at the British Minister's mansion, left their cards and registered their names in vain. The unrepresentative social ambition of many representatives of American republicanism were illustrated here, as often before. A boy Prince! The mere empty privilege of seeing him and being introduced to him, was enough to turn heads well filled with brains. The very railers against the British Lion in common with the Fenians, forgot their animosity for this occasion. Some thought, perhaps, that they could bully and bear false witness against Great Britain with better grace, after they had met this youngest son of its Queen on what they were pleased to deem a "level social platform." Their wives and daughters yearned to promenade and dance with him; and all over this straggling unimpressive capital city to day and to-night the majority of residents and sojourners of both sexes confessed to themselves that the test of their social position and the gratification of their nearest and dearest desire would be the possession of the following card:

MR. AND MRS. THORNTON.
Request the pleasure of Mr. S——'s
company
At Masonic Hall.
Corner of F street and Ninth,
Thursday, Jan. 27th, at half-past nine.
This card to be presented at the door.
DANCING.

It is stated that the military headquarters are to be removed from Montreal to Quebec in the spring.

The new iron-clad *Rupert*, designed by Mr. E. J. Reed, and the construction of which is now rapidly being pushed on at Chatham, is regarded by the English papers a formidable addition to the Royal Navy. The *Rupert* is especially intended to have great offensive powers when used as a ram, and for this purpose she is of moderate size to insure handiness. Her principal dimensions are as follows: Length, 250 feet; breadth (extreme), 53 feet; mean draught, 22½ feet; tonnage, 2,159 tons. Notwithstanding her comparatively small size, the *Rupert* will have great defensive as well as offensive power. Along her broadsides she will carry a shield of 12 in. armor-plating, bolted to a similar thickness of teak timber backing, with an inner skin of iron plates 1½ in. thick. The upper edge of the armor-plates will be rather less than 2 ft. above the water, and the lower edge about 5 ft. below it. The two 18-ton guns which are intended to constitute the *Rupert's* armament are to be carried in a single revolving turret placed well forward, while upon the bow deck, about 20 in. or so above the water, an armored wall or breastwork will be built completely surrounding the base of the turret, enclosing at the same time an elliptical-shaped space, extending over more than one-third of the ship's length. On this breastwork, which will be heavily armor-plated, a flying deck will be laid, the turret guns being carried nearly 11 ft. above the water, and therefore capable of being fought in any weather. The ram bow of the *Rupert* is spear-shaped, the sharp angle of the stem being about 8 ft. below water, and about 10 or 12 ft. before the upright portion of the stem. This form is intended to enable the *Rupert* to attack iron-clad ships at their most vital part, that is, on the weak side plating below the armor. The *Rupert's* engines, which are being manufactured by Messrs. Napier and Sons, Glasgow, will be of 700 horse power (nominal), and will drive a couple of screws, giving the vessel an estimated mean speed of 12 knots an hour. She will have two light masts only, and a few small fore and aft. sails, as she is obviously intended to rely more on her engine power.

NEW YORK, 2nd.—A special from St. Paul says:—Startling news has been received from Fort Garry, to Jan. the 20th, via Pembina, that Riell has been ousted from his brief and absolute dictatorship in the Red River Settlement, and the old Hudson Bay Co.'s Government has been reinstated under the title of the Government and Council of Assinaboine, with Governor McTavish at its head. For some time past dissatisfaction has existed among the half-breeds on account of Riell's inefficiency or inactivity, and during his temporary absence from Fort Garry the old regime was reinstated. A guard met Riell on his way back, and, after a fierce resistance, he was captured and taken to Fort Garry.

OBITUARY.—Another of our old inhabitants, Mr. Frederick Bellefeuille, has just gone to his long rest at the advanced age of 87. Mr. Bellefeuille was perhaps the last member of that gallant body of native troops which did such good service during the war of 1812, under Col. DeSallaberry the Canadian Voltigeurs. He was in the actions at Lacole, Plattsburgh, Crysler's Farm, Sackett's Harbor, Stony Creek &c. He settled down in Prescott in 1820, and has always borne the character of a worthy citizen, and a steady honest man.—*Prescott Telegraph*.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Ottawa, 4th February, 1870.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No 1.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Toronto Field Battery.

To be First Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Bartholomew M. Armstrong, M. S., vice Gray, promoted.

2nd Battalion "Queen's Own Rifles," Toronto.

To be Adjutant.

Captain Salter M. Jarvis, M. S., vice Otter, promoted.

To be Captain.

Lieutenant S. Bruce Harman, M. S., vice Jarvis, promoted.

To be Lieutenant:

Ensign George A. McKenzie, M. S., vice Harman, promoted.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

Edward Burke, Gentleman, vice McKenzie, promoted.

37th "Haldimand" Battalion of Rifles.

No. 5 Company, Hullsville.

To be Lieutenant provisionally:

Ensign George W. Moore, vice Murray, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

Charles Simons, Gentleman, vice Moore, promoted.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Herring Cove Battery of Garrison Artillery.

The Head Quarters of this Battery will be at Purcell's Cove.

63rd Halifax Volunteer "Battalion of Rifles."

The resignation of Lieutenant Wm. Murray is accepted he being permitted to retire retaining his rank.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Joseph Norman Ritchie, M. S., vice MacLean, resigned.

To be Lieutenant:

William D. Harrington, Gentleman, M. S., vice Murray, promoted.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,
Adjutant General of Militia,
Canada.