

CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., JAN. 17, 1884.

—Great frauds in the Customs, affecting large firms in Boston, Philadelphia and New York, have recently been detected. Woolen and silk goods, aniline dyes, pickles, and fancy goods of various kinds, have been imported under a regular system of undervaluation that has not only cost the Government millions of revenue, but in some cases has actually put a stop to home manufactures. These undervaluations range all the way from 23 to 90 per cent, and have been carried on for a good many years. The matter has been brought under the attention of Congress and legislation will doubtless be once adopted to prevent the recurrence of such frauds. Meanwhile the Government is making arrangements to prosecute the guilty parties.

—The Egyptian ministry have resigned, because, as they stated in their letter of resignation, they were prevented by the English Government "from governing in accordance with the Constitution." They particularly objected to the abandonment of the Sudan, a step which has been forced upon Egypt by the English. A new ministry has been formed by Nubar Pasha, a distinguished Egyptian statesman of the Christian religion, who received his education in England. An English gentleman, named Vincent, has very fittingly taken the portfolio of finance. The evacuation of the Sudan will be carried on by a military commission headed by Sir Evelyn Wood, and it is thought that it can not be fully effected in less than a year owing to the difficulties of travel and the large quantities of guns and ammunition to be removed.

—It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. It is true that the Star-trover thieves got clear with their plunder after two lengthy trials carried on with all imaginable "pomp and circumstance." The good name of a great nation was smirched, the fountain of justice sullied at its source, and the cheeks of all patriotic citizens made to blush. But after all the mountain did not labor in vain. The mouse was brought forth. The counsel of the Government made handsome fees and, we presume, are willing on similar occasions that Star-trover trials should continue. Colonel Bliss made \$29,407.59; Mr. Kerr, \$31,877; Mr. Merrick, \$17,500; and Mr. Cook, \$5,250. Counting in some minor charges, the Government counsel fees foot up \$89,033. This, after all, is a trifle for honest men to get, when the rascals got away with three or four millions.

—The year just closed was marked by great activity in ship-building on the Clyde. No less than 329 vessels with a tonnage amounting to 419,664 tons were built in the course of the year, an increase of tonnage over that of last year to the extent of 26,730 tons. Steel has been employed more largely than hitherto as a material for ship-building. In 1879, 18,000 tons were built of this material; in 1880, 42,000 tons; in 1881, 65,609 tons; in 1882, 108,254 tons; and in 1883, 129,651 tons. The largest vessel launched last year was the "Oregon" of 7,375 tons and 12,000 horse-power. At present there would seem to be a kind of recoil from the prosperity of the past year. The amount of work on hand is not more than half that of the corresponding period a year ago and a few more orders are being received. As a consequence from four to five thousand labourers have been thrown out of employment.

—Some astonishing revelations of legislative corruption have recently been brought to light in the American papers. A series of letters from C. P. Huntington, President of the Central Pacific Railroad, to different persons, have just been published, containing in the most matter-of-course and business-like language statements of the bribery practised on both Senators and Representatives at Washington six or seven years ago in order to secure desired railway legislation. It is stated that he spent in this way no less than \$800,000, and as the letters intimate that Jay Gould, Tom Scott, the great Pennsylvania railroad man, and others were also operating on the same basis, it is obvious that the Congressmen must have made a pretty rich haul. Fourteen or fifteen years ago when the bill granting the Pacific Mail subsidy was going through Congress, half a million of dollars are said to have been paid directly to Senators and Representatives to secure their votes. And these facts probably represent a very small part of the unblushing bribery that is practised at Washington. In other words, too, is the low tone of political life in the Federal Capital revealed. In the report of the Secretary of the Senate for the last year the Senators are during parts of July and August charged with expensive imported mineral waters at the rate of three quarts a day, the bills amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars. The ice-bills for the same period footed up to one thousand dollars, allowing three thousand pounds of ice a day to each of the seventy six Senators. After this we are not surprised to learn that they consumed seventeen hundred quinine pills. That a body like the United States Senate should sanction such petty pilfering of the people's money is a fact as significant in its way as the deeper corruption mentioned above.

Parliament.

Parliament meets to-day.

Nothing has occurred since last session to materially change the political status of the country or the attitude of the two parties with respect to each other.

The increase in business failures the past year, the decrease in the imports, the land regulation agitation in the North-West and the Pacific Railway tolls are points of attack against the administration that the Opposition will make the most of. On the other hand, the Government can point with satisfaction to the extraordinary progress made with the Pacific Railway and the assurance of its completion next year; to the rapid settlement of the North-West; to the building up of sugar refineries, and the cotton factories, to the increase in the mills, foundries and workshops of Canada; to the increased employment of domestic labor and to the staying of the exodus tide, to the increased consumption of home products and fabrics to the exclusion of the foreign. Sir Leonard Tilley can justly claim that on a general balance being struck between the old tariff and the N. P., the advantages are overwhelmingly in favor of the latter, so overwhelmingly that even the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Blake, refuses to commit himself to the policy of repeal of the N. P., although his opponents have attempted to goad and worry him into a declaration of his policy. One may conclude that Mr. Blake considers the N. P. strongly entrenched in public sentiment when he contents himself with grumbling and fault finding and cannot be either driven or persuaded from his perch on the fence.

The debates will be enlivened by the voice of the ill-mannered Sir Richard Cartwright, who evinces none of the doubts and anxieties of his leader, and whose utterances are of the flat footed Free Trade kind—of the same order as those of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. On the other hand, Mr. Blake represents direct opposition to the Government policy, but then Sir Richard could scarcely muster a baker's dozen of followers in an effort to engulf in a sweep of one disastrous wave, the vast network of industries created by the N. P.

Ship Railway.

Right of Way Voted.

The County Council of Cumberland, on Thursday last, discussed the question of a free right of way for the Ship Railway. On invitation of the Council the Hon. Messrs. Pipes, Townshend and Black and W. W. Fullerton, Esq., Q. C., addressed the Council, urging the advantages of the country to provide the right of way. Messrs. Townshend and Black's speeches were especially forcible and to the point. Mr. Forrest moved it be granted and Mr. Hingley seconded the motion. It was discussed generally by the Council, all of them expressing a favorable view of the undertaking. Messrs. Howard and McKim opposed a general assessment on the ground that the tax ought to be made local only. Mr. Halliday opposed it also; he favored the scheme but his constituents opposed it. He declared he believed in the scheme, thought it was for the benefit of the country and would vote for it, whether his constituents liked it or not. The motion was carried by a vote of 16 to 4. W. record the names of the gentlemen voting yes, as in case of the success of the undertaking, their names will be connected with its history.

Yates: Smith, J. B. Black, R. L. Black, Bigney, Harrison, Hingley, Forrest, Oulton, Pipes, McMillan, Fullerton, Kirkpatrick, Hunter, McInnis, McFarlane, Moore—16.

Nays: Purdy, Howard, Halliday, McKim—4.

County Finances.

The financial state of this municipality is healthy in the extreme. Indeed, there is almost a plethora of wealth. The tax payers have paid up well during the year. Less than \$2,000 was uncollected at the end of the year, and that sum has since been greatly reduced. The following is a statement of assets and liabilities taken from books on 31st December:

To Bank of N. B.	\$2,280.73
"Schools	5,657.85
"Treasurer	179.45
"Winnipeg	377.00
"Jury-fees	523.80
"Insurance	60.00
"Interest	189.00
"Due parties	257.00
Total	\$9,514.83
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Merchants' Bank dep.	\$6,495.77
Cash paid Treasurer	1,186.75
Due from parties	1,905.00
Total	\$9,647.52

Farmers' Association.

The Provincial Farmer's Association meets at the Agricultural hall of the Quebec Central Agricultural Society, Upper Hamstead, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 2 p. m. The following important subjects will be discussed: 1. The value and most economical mode of Underdrainage. 2. The necessity of greater care in the management of Manure and the best means to be adopted to that end. These subjects are of vital importance to our farmers and it is to be hoped that the meeting will be largely attended. The Provincial Farmer's Association is not connected with politics but is a purely voluntary society which is doing a good work and is deserving of the support of New Brunswick farmers.

—The Canada Pacific Railway Company announces a half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent, payable on the 15th February.

Trade and Industry.

—The Moncton Sugar Refinery shipped 160 barrels of sugar north last Saturday.

—Harrison, Peters & Co., stone-workers, of St. John, are reported to have assigned.

—The fog alarm at Cape Sable is being repaired, and will not be sounded for five or six weeks.

—The Canada Southern Railway is to be double-tracked its entire length as soon as the weather will permit.

—D. J. Schurman has gone into the manufacture of cork at Riverside, A. C., and has now several orders on hand.

—The first regular train over the Newfoundland Railway, between St. John's and Harbor Grace Junction, was run on the 18th December.

—The mammoth elevator which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is erecting at Port Arthur will be completed in January. The elevator will have a capacity of 250,000 bushels.

—The Toronto capitalists are talking of establishing a farming implement manufactory at Moncton. A large amount of stock will be taken by Moncton men if the new industry be started.

—At Fort William, in flat warehouses, the Canadian Pacific railway has already stored 100,000 bushels of wheat. The company is building more sheds for the reception of the wheat shipments which are pouring in.

—Messrs. Wood, Rindress & Seaman have built a saw mill at Wallace River to replace the one carried away by the freshet last spring. They have also made extensive repairs to their grist mill, which was damaged at the same time.

—Sixteen schooners, aggregating 2,227 tons, were built at Lunenburg, N. S., last year for the fisheries. Eight more are in course of construction and will soon be finished. Barks, dories, etc., to the value of \$7,850, were built at Lunenburg during the past year.

—A Biddeford gentleman, having occasion to go into his woodshed, found a weasel lying dead on the block, with his tongue frozen to an axe head. The axe had been used in cutting beef in the morning, and the animal in attempting to secure a piece of the meat which adhered to the blade, had singularly met his death.

—The Butter & Cheese manufacturing Co., of Avonport, Ont., held its annual meeting recently, to wind up the business of the year. The following is the auditors' statement for 1883:—Total lbs. milk received, 2,135,072; lbs. of cheese, 206,320; average lbs. of milk to a lb. of cheese, 10.35; average price per lb., 10.64; total receipts, \$21,966.64.

An eminent French economist demonstrates that the policy of prohibiting the importation of American pork, besides depriving the poorer classes of cheap and nourishing food, will entail an enormous loss on the country, and if the restriction is carried into effect, the loss will be nearly one hundred million francs, for the protection of a monopolist ring of pork-packers at Nantes.

—There does not appear to be any prospect of an advance in the price of potatoes. Receipts at Boston continue to be in excess of the demand and supplies are coming forward from New York State in larger quantities than ever before, owing to the low freights which enable dealers to buy in bulk at Boston at 37½ cents per bushel including 25 cents freight cost. With-out a great reduction in freights can be made it will be impossible for Provincial farmers to compete.

—The Halifax steam navigation company's "S. S. Juliet" took among her cargo for England, 50,000 bushels of Ontario peas, and 1300 barrels of Kings county apples and potatoes, shipped by W. H. Chase & Co. and C. R. H. Starr.

The potatoes are what is known as the Burbank variety, and are to be sent to Scotland, where they will be used for seedling. A few barrels were sent over last year as an experiment. They were planted, grew successfully, and the result was that 1,000 barrels are now being shipped.

—Messrs. D. R. & C. P. Eaton are building at Eatonville, for Messrs. Scammell Bros., of St. John, a ship of the following dimensions: Length of keel, 210 feet; breadth of beam, 39 feet; and depth of hold, 23 feet. She will class 12 years in Boreas. Veritas, and 14 years in the American Record, and is being built under the special survey of the agents of these societies. The ship will have all the modern improvements, and will enter largely into her construction. It is expected she will be ready for launching in August next.

—Glowing accounts are given of the growth of North Sydney, C. B., the population of which is now stated to exceed 4,000, while real estate values have quadrupled in value in a few years. There is not, we are told, a vacant house in the town; some 400 carpenters and laborers are at work on the dock and the marine railway, while there are nine tanneries, a shoe factory, a foundry, two furniture factories and machine shop in operation. But the most noticeable increase has occurred in the trade of the port. In 1879 the tonnage of vessels calling at North Sydney was 245,220 tons; in 1882 it had increased to 455,492 tons, all coal carriers, presumably.

—The Standard's correspondent at Hong Kong says six thousand Chinese troops have been sent to Hainan. The greatest activity prevails at Canton. Barges have been sunk in Canton River to block up the channel. It is stated that China has definitely decided not to recall the troops from Borneo, where a decisive battle is expected to take place shortly. It is reported that members of the Imperial family of China have offered a portion of their private fortune to assist in a war against France.

Personal and Political.

—Her Majesty will not open Parliament, in person, next session.

—Bret Harle was a guest of the Duke of St. Albans at Bestwood Lodge during Christmas week.

—William Black, the novelist, is dangerously ill. He is suffering from extreme nervous debility caused by overwork.

—Hon. David Sankey, father of Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, died at Newcastle, Penn., last Saturday, aged 75 years.

—The liberal students of St. Andrew's University express great regret on account of Mr. Lowell's resignation of the rectorship.

—A paper on instinct, found among the papers of the late Charles Darwin, was recently read before the Linnean Society in London.

—Labouchere, the editor of *Truth*, thinks that Tennyson ought now to give up the salary of two hundred pounds a year which he now enjoys as Poet Laureate.

—The Duke of Russia is going to try his luck at the English races and has sent over to England a fine stud of racers to be put into training for that purpose.

—Judge Denman, who presided at the trial of "Dillon," is reported to be busy by police, owing to threats made against him by American Fenians.

—A famous Japanese wrestler, named Matsuda Sorakichi, has come all the way from his mother country to the United States to clean out the American champions.

—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade and a probable Premier of England, is immensely rich, having made his fortune by manufacturing screws at Birmingham.

—A writer in a French magazine describes the famous Prussian general Von Moltke as a cold, dry, impassive, egotistic man, living the life of a recluse, and incapable of doing good to anybody.

—Cardinal McCloy, of New York, celebrated, on Saturday last, the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was elevated to the dignity of Cardinal in 1875.

—Dr. Edward Lasker, a leader of the National Liberal party in Germany, has been elected member in German politics, died suddenly of heart-disease in one of the New York streets last Saturday morning.

—Last Friday was Sir John Macdonald's sixty-ninth birthday. He received congratulations by mail and telegraph from all parts of the Dominion, and flowers and birthday cards were sent from all quarters.

—A lawyer named Gilmore, suing Carl Schurz for \$300,000 damages on the ground that Schurz, when Secretary of the Interior wrongfully prevented him from practicing in the Department.

—Elliott F. Shepard, the New York lawyer who engineered Lord Coleridge's movements while on the block of the water, was last week elected President of the State Bar Association.

—The Fenians in America are now beginning to bulldoze the Pope. The Holy Father recently received a letter containing the most terrible threats against him in case of his supporting the cause against the national cause in Ireland.

—Mr. Labouchere relates that when travelling in Germany he inscribed his name in the hotel book as "Henry Labouchere, Elector of Middlesex," as he was entitled to do, and was taken for a serious person with great distinction and deference.

—The law society of P. E. Island has passed resolutions congratulating Chief Justice Palmer on the 50th anniversary of his admission to the bar, and congratulating Judge Peters on his recovery from severe illness.

—The bar speak of Judge Peters as the "senior judge in the Maritime Provinces, if not in Canada."

—The other day, at Oban, a Scotch laird of great importance in the Highlands wrote, as is the custom there, the name of his ancestral laird, "Ballachulish and Mrs. Macnab."

—Mr. Lockwood, the distinguished Queen's counsel, who happened to come after, wrote "17 Kensington Gardens and Mrs. Lockwood." There was a fierce row.

—The historian, Ranke, whose great work, the History of the Pope, was reviewed by Macaulay forty years ago, is still, at the age of eighty-nine, actively engaged in literary work. He has just published the fourth volume of his History of the Popes, a work of which he hopes to complete at least four more volumes before death.

—Queen Victoria has written a new book entitled "More Leaves from the Journal of Life in the Highlands from 1862 to 1882." Copies of this work have already, it is stated, been presented to a few privileged persons, among whom, however, we regret to say, the Editor of the Post has, through some oversight, not been reckoned.

—Henry Villard would appear to be a man of much finer moral grain than the average railway magnate. He recently resigned the Presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad and in doing so gave up his magnificent new house and city lots to the value, all told, of one million dollars in payment of money owed by him to the company. The Directors showed their appreciation of his integrity by voting him \$25,000 as payment for his services as President for the past two years and a half.

—P. T. Barnum has purchased in Borneo for his "greatest show on earth" a white elephant, paying therefor the tiny little sum of \$200,000. He is building up its special accommodation a gorgeous car at the cost of \$62,000. It is also stated that a pretty good authority that he and James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald offered Lord Dufferin \$1,250,000 for Arabi Pasha, to be used for a year as correspondent to America by Barnum for show purposes.

Personal and Political.

—Monsieur Caspel is expected to visit St. John and deliver one or two lectures next month.

—Mr. Hawkin will appeal from the decision in the Bothwell election case, awarding the seat to Mr. Miller.

—The election in Kent, Ontario, for the House of Commons, will take place on the 29th inst., nomination on the 23rd.

—Nomination Day in York County has been fixed for Tuesday, 22nd inst., and the election will be held on the 29th.

—It is rumored that Major-General Lewis will succeed General Laard as Commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia.

—Arabi Pasha asserts emphatically that Egypt would be strengthened by the loss of the Sudan, but "Chinese" Gordon entertains a very different opinion.

—The case of Barker vs. McMonagle, tried at the Circuit Court, St. John, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2,976.74, damages for loss of money invested by defendant as an attorney.

—Monsieur, Premier of Quebec, has resigned, and Hon. Mr. Masson was called upon to undertake the formation of a new ministry, but he declined, and the duty was entrusted to Dr. Ross, who has succeeded in forming a Cabinet.

—On Monday last, Mr. George E. Fenety was elected Mayor of Fredericton with a majority of 218 over Mr. Wilson. This is said to be the largest majority ever obtained by any candidate for the mayoralty of Fredericton.

—Fenety is the kind of man who lends dignity to public life. He made no personal canvass.

—Mr. John P. C. Burpee, of St. John, was instantly killed at Boston last Monday morning by being struck by the trolley locomotive as he was getting out of a sleeper in which he had just travelled from New York, where he had been on a visit.

—Mr. Burpee was for some years engaged in the iron trade with his brothers, Messrs. Isaac and Frederic Burpee, and also ran an extensive business with Messrs. Clarke & Thorne, but retired from both firms a few years ago.

—He was much esteemed by a large circle of friends at St. John, and the news of his sudden death caused profound regret. Mr. Burpee was in his 46th year, and had been married and four children. His funeral will take place at St. John this afternoon.

—Thomas Holloway, the world-renowned manufacturer of pills and ointment, died on the 26th inst., at the ripe old age of 84. He had been in business over fifty years and had spent many millions of dollars in advertising—his average expenditure in that line for the last twenty years being about \$200,000 per annum. This liberal use of printers ink bore good fruit, for the medicines he had died possessed of were valued at \$250,000, a greater part of which has been bequeathed to charitable objects. He was to a great extent the almoner of his own charities, for several years ago he erected and endowed a woman's college and hospital for the insane at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000.

New Advertisements.

BAND CONCERT

MRS. JARLEY'S WAX WORKS

CHIGNECTO HALL

Tuesday, 22nd Inst.

Refreshments provided over by the Ladies of Sackville.

Doors open at 7 p. m. Concert to begin at 8 p. m. Admission, 50c. Reserved Seats, 10c.; Children in care of parents, 10c.; Children in arms, 50c. jan16

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THERE will be sold at Public Auction, on the premises, Lower Sackville, on

Wednesday, 23rd of January,

The Property known as the St. Lawrence Hotel.

Situating within one-quarter of a mile from the Railway Station, consisting of 1½ acres of Land, 2 Shops, and good Stables; also 10 acres of Land of Foundry direct; also 10 Sets of New Harness, 15 dozen New Whips, a quantity of Brushes, Sleigh Bells, Curry Combs, &c.; also

Household Furniture,

Consisting of Stoves, Bed-Room Sets, Bath-Rooms, one Parlor Suite, one Organ, one Melodion, one Sewing Machine, and various small articles.

Terms liberal and made known at sale.

G. A. COLE.

R. HALEY, Auctioneer.

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JUST RECEIVED:

CANNED GOODS, Oysters, Salmon;

Lobsters, Pork and Beans;

Canned Beef, Tomatoes, Sugar Corn;

Peas, Pine Apples and Sardines;

one Marmalade;

1 "Epps' Cocoa";

1 "Chocolate";

1 "Biscuits";

1 "Burnett's Extracts";

1 "Fresh Hops";

1 "Confessionary";

1 box Powdered Sugar;

1 barrel Paris Lump Sugar, &c.

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G. J. TRUEMAN,

No. 4 Music Hall Block.

Blacksmith's Coal.

FOR sale by the undersigned at \$3.00

per Chaldron. Apply immediately.

A quantity of Good Oats.

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Port Elgin, Jan. 15, 1884.

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WE have, by mutual consent, this day,

dissolved partnership, and all accounts due the firm must be paid to C. A. Cole within 30 days, or they will be left for collection.

JOSEPH DORSON,

C. A. COLE.

Sackville, Jan. 16, 1884.

New Advertisements.

DEC. 20th, 1883.

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J. L. BLACK'S.

To all Departments of our

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XMAS CARDS.

XMAS CARDS—Great Variety, Cheap;

XMAS BOOKS—For Children;

XMAS TOYS—For Children;

XMAS DOLLS—For Children.

For Ladies and Gents.

Gold, Malachine and Ivory Pencils;

Gold and Silver Lockets;

Gold and Silver Brooches and Pins;

Silver Thimbles, Ear Drops;

Ladies' Smelling Bottles;

Ladies' Writing Desks, Parures;

Russia Leather Shopping Satchels;

Perfumery—best qualities;

Photo Albums, Autograph Albums;

Scarfs, Ties, Gloves, Mitts, &c.

For the Table.

Iron Granite Silver Mounted Ware;

Tea, Coffee, Sugar, and Cream Pots;

Pudding and Pie Dishes;

Pickle Bottles and Pickle Forks;

Silver Plated Table Knives and Forks;

Fruit Knives, Napkin Rings;

Children's Silver Gold Lined Mugs;

Butter Knives, Sugar Sifters;

Broad Knives and Bread Stands;

Fancy Cups and Mugs in great variety;

Cake Baskets, China Tea Sets, &c