

utterance of his in response to an address from the Corporation of Belfast. He is reported to have said:—"My own firm belief is that there is a great majority of people in the disturbed parts of Ireland who are thankful for the Prevention of Crimes Act, and for the protection which, if strictly and firmly worked—and strictly and firmly worked it shall be—it will in the long run afford to them and to their families. The fixed policy of the present Irish Government is to draw a deep line between what is criminal and what is political. With political writings and speeches and resolutions at public meetings we do not care to concern ourselves, but against crime and outrages we have proclaimed and we will continue to wage an undying and unrelenting war."

The annual report of the Minister of the Interior (Sir John A. Macdonald) was presented to the Dominion Parliament during the last session. The returns from the land agencies in Manitoba and the North-West Territory show that the number of acres disposed of for homesteads, pre-emptions, and by ordinary sales during 1881 amounted to 1,057,519. This is exclusive of the land sold by the Hudson's Bay Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and by other corporations, and it does not include the many settlers who have established themselves on lands which have not yet been surveyed. Satisfactory progress is being made by the Survey Department, 9,000,000 acres having been laid out into townships and subdivided into sections and quarter sections during the year.

No doubt the present year will show an enormous increase in the number of acres disposed of under the heads named above, the emigration into the country having been so very much larger than that of any previous year.

An unforeseen consequence of cutting the Suez Canal has been the intrusion of sharks in large numbers into the Mediterranean Sea, with terrible resulting havoc among the smaller edible fish. Formerly a shark was almost a curiosity in the Mediterranean, and there was no choicer or better stocked fishing ground in the world. The fishermen of the Provincial coast supplied the cities of France with the best of piscatorial food, and in never-failing abundance; but they now have difficulty in furnishing half the quantity that they then obtained with ease.

There is a good deal of illusion about the rise of the Nile. It seems to be thought that for a few weeks the delta and the valley of the Nile are a lake, and then that they are a muddy swamp. The water of the Nile flows into canals; from thence it is pumped every morning, as long as the rise lasts into small rills, which permeate the fields, which are thus irrigated every morning. The water evaporates every day, leaving in the evening dry mud. Thus, except in some low-lying districts, there never is an expanse of water or mud.

At the recent Liberal Conservative meeting in Toronto Sir Leonard Tilley announced that the surplus for the year past, including land sales, was seven and a half millions of dollars.

The British Government will have to handle the question of damages to the Suez Canal Company, by reason of the canal having been made a base of operation.

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By the Ninth Annual Report of the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes, it appears that the receipts for the year were \$5,432.02. The society was incorporated in 1872, but services for deaf-mutes have been sustained in St. Anne's Church for twenty years. There is a Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-mutes in this city, and it is proposed, when \$30,000 are secured, to purchase a farm to which the Home will be removed, and to establish an Industrial Department for the unfortunate and erring, with a chapel in common. The fund for this purpose now amounts to \$6,958.67. The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity is coming to be set apart for collections for this mission, and most appropriately, for it may be called Epiphania Sunday.—*New York Guardian*.

Mrs. Harriet Buswell, of Lincoln, Ill., who died recently, left her entire estate, worth about \$8,000, to the poor widows of that city. She was the widow of a railroad conductor and agent at that place.

### Baptisms.

MURRAY.—At Stellarton, Sept. 11th, John Robert Murray, an orphan, aged 5 months, brought by his grandparents from Westville.

PIRIE.—At Beacoult Station, St. John's, P. Q., on Sunday, 3rd September, Charles Edwin, son of Alexander and Isabella Pirie, and grandson of David Johnson, Esq., of same place.

HOWELL.—On the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, in St. Stephen's Church, Montreal, by the Rev. H. W. Nye, Rector of Bedford, Ernest George Nye, son of Edwin J. Howell, and Sophia his wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Marriages.

HENDERSON.—IRVING.—At the residence of Arthur Irving, Esq., father of the bride, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. T. W. Johnston, Rector of St. John's Church, Crapaud, Kenneth Henderson, Esq., M. D., of Clyde River, to Miss Annie Callbeck Irving, of Cape Traverse.

DUNSFORD.—McDONALD.—Also by the same, in St. John's Church, Mr. George Dunsford, of Dunsford Mills, and Miss Jane Irene McDonald, of Crapaud.

### Deaths.

JONES.—On the 31st ult., at Pugwash, Joseph Jones, late Station Master, Thomson, I. C. R., aged 62 years. The deceased was one of the most active, careful, and obliging officers in the employ of the Intercolonial, and the esteem in which he was held was palpably evident by the unusually large concourse of people who followed his remains to their final resting place on Sunday afternoon.

PARKINSON.—At Shelburne, September 10th, 1882, Sunday morning, Clara Darron, the dearly loved wife of the Rev. John R. S. Parkinson, Jesu Mercy!

BARTLETT.—August 26th, at East Boston, Mass., of Typhoid Fever, in the 47th year of his age, John Hill Bartlett, eldest son of the late Mr. L. B. Bartlett, of Keegan, and nephew of the late Rev. James Bartlett, of Annapolis.

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