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MONDAY EV'NG, MARCH 8, 1869.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The best quality of firewood is only $2.62c per cord in London.

It is expected that $1,000 will be contributed in Galt to the endowment of the Queen's College.

Thos. Ryan, Esq., of Pike Lake, had six valuable sheep, of an imported breed, worried by dogs, on the night of the 22nd ult.

The exportation of cattle from Canada to the States has now attained to a greater extent than at any other time since the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty.

On Friday of last week, St. Alban's Church, Ottawa, was completely invisible, the snow reaching to the very roof. The sexton got up a "snow bee" and dug it out.

Josh Billings says: "When a young man ain't good for anything else, I like tew see him carry a gold-headed cane. If he can't buy a cane, let him part his hair in the middle."

Our lady friends may be interested to know that the *creme de la creme* of Boston society—the female part—are adopting the absurd fashion of blackening a half circle under the eyes. Fit accompaniment to the "Grecian Bend."

On Thursday, two men from Caradoc drove into London market with sixteen hogs and offered the same for sale, with about eight pounds of ice in each carcase. The fraud was detected, and the sharpers looked crest-fallen.

The revival of the velocipede mania of fifty years ago has at length reached every city and town in Canada. It will probably cure the ladies' skating mania, and in a year or two be succeeded by some other queer epidemic.

"Ma, what is the difference between little boys and little girls?" "My dear, little girls wear dresses and little boys wear pantaloons."—"And did I come into the world dressed?" "No, darling." "Then how did you know I was a little girl?"

Street and Smith, of the New York *Weekly*, are expending $40,000 in the advertisement of a story. They have made over $800,000 in the last ten years by liberal expenditure in advertising; and still there are ghosts who assert that "advertising don't pay."

POULTRY SHOW.—The Poultry Association of Ontario have determined to hold another exhibition at Toronto, in April, on the 21st and 22nd. The prize list has been prepared and already circulated. The entries close on Wednesday, 31st March, nor can any alterations be made after they are received by the Secretary.

THE GORE BANK. — The Hamilton *Times* says that the Directors of the Gore Bank have decided on closing the remaining Branch Offices (Galt, Woodstock and Simcoe) and concentrating their whole business at Hamilton, where, for the future, it will be conducted. The Bank will, in addition to its ordinary business, be prepared to grant advances to parties without their being obliged to keep regular current accounts, which will greatly increase the usefulness of the Bank.

A good deal of discussion has been caused among European journals, by the refusal of the Belgian Chambers to sanction the sale of the Luxemburgh Railway to the Great Western of France, which had been previously arranged between the two companies The Paris papers are terribly denunciatory in their tone towards Belgium and Prussia on account of the action of the Chambers.—They denounce this refusal as an insult to France; and the Chambers are declared to have acted under the dictation of Prussia.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.—Mr. Austin Bruce, the Home Secretary of England, in a recent speech in Renfrewshire, gave some curious statistics, in regard to epucation. Whereas, in England 1 in 1500 children is attending what may be called middle class schools—that is secondary schools above the primary—while in France 1 in 500 attends such schools, and in Germany 1 in 250, in Scotland 1 in 201 of the population attend such schools, so that while England strikes the lowest educational note in the European scale, Scotland strikes the highest—at least as regards secondary education. And even as regards University education—where England ranks higher—while in England 1 in every 2,500 of the population goes to some University, and in Germany 1 in every 2,600, in Scotland 1 in every 1,000 attends the University.

THE LATE JOHN REDPATH.—The Toronto *Telegraph* gives the following sketch of the life of the late John Redpath, who died at Montreal, on Friday last: He was born in Earlston, Scotland, in 1796. After learning his trade as a builder, he emigrated to Canada in 1816, and has resided since that time in Montreal, with the exception of one year in Quebec, and a few years on the Rideau Canal during its construction. In company with the late Hon. Thomas McKay, he executed several extensive contracts on that national work. He took a lively interest in the development of the resources of Canada, and aided in many public improvements by his means and management. He was largely interested in the Montreal Telegraph Company from its commencement, and more recently took a heavy interest in the copper and slate mines in Hull, and coal mines in Nova Scotia. He was the first to turn attention to sugar refining in Canada, and erected and carried on an extensive refinery near St. Gabriel Locks, which constitute such a prominent and important branch of the manufactures of Montreal. For thirty-five years he has been a Director in the Bank of Montreal, of which he was Vice-President since the death of the Hon. Peter McGill. He was an active Alderman in the first City Council of Montreal, and was President of the Mechanics' Institute. It was, however, in the work of Christian philanthropy that he found his highest and most congenial field of usefulness. For many years he gave unremitting attention to the Montreal General Hospital—part of the time as Chairman of the Committee of Management, and latterly as President. He took an active share in the Management of the House of Industry, in McGill College, in the Free Church, and in the French Canadian Mission. He leaves a wife and large family

TOWN ITEMS.

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Nothing has been done at our Police Court since Tuesday last. Long may the dullness in this respect continue.

The Saturday night liquor law is maintained in Guelph. All bar-room doors are closed at seven o'clock precisely.

Religious services will be held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

Mr. Carroll, the revivalist, preached an eloquent sermon last evening in Knox's Church, before a very large congregation. He will preach again in the same church on this and following evenings.

Would it not be a good idea for the Market House Committee to recommend to the Council the purchase of the oil painting of the Queen, now at the Great Western Hotel, of course providing a reasonable price was asked by the present owner?

A number of young fellows who had been out on a sleigh-ride in the country yesterday afternoon, came back to town at a late hour at night, hooting, yelling and singing, much to the annoyance of the residents of the streets through which they passed.

The Rev. W. S. Griffin, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, preached a sermon last evening, particularly addressed to young people, and full of sound Christian advice. We believe Mr. G. intends to deliver a monthly series of sermons bearing on the same subject.

A young man is practising hard on a velocipede in this town. He don't want to exhibit his skill until he becomes proficient in the art, and so practices late at night—leaving palpable evidences of his doings in the snow next morning. Of course nobody knows who he is—at least *he* thinks so.

The "Seventeenth of Ireland" will be celebrated in good style by the sons of St. Patrick in this town and vicinity. A dinner will be held at the Anglo-American in the evening—after which, toasts, speeches, and a general "immersion of the shamrock" will be the order of the night.

We are informed by several parties that the fourth commandment is not much regarded in an establishment on Wyndham Street, in this town. We shall not mention the name, at all events at present, but trust that this notice will be sufficient to cause a cessation of the bad practice of transacting business on the Sabbath.

POLEMICAL CORRESPONDENCE. — A sharp and spicy series of argumentative discussions took place last summer between the Rev. John Bredin, Methodist minister, and "T. J. M.," a Catholic clergyman—all of which were published in the Richmondhill *Herald*, and are now issued in book form for the perusal of the general public. Many of the arguments brought forward by each of the religious disputants will be new to many. Mr. J. B. Thornton has sent us a copy of the book, which is for sale at his store.

The weather, after remaining bitterly cold for several days, shows signs of relenting, and giving us a taste of spring atmosphere. It is almost impossible that a thaw should be much longer deferred. In March more than one usually occurs, and when it comes this year, its effects will be more annoying than in former seasons. In view, therefore, of the coming flood, exertions should be made by house holders to prevent the flooding of their cellars, which may be done by cutting channels from their premises, so as to lead the water towards the street, or in any other direction from the house.

THE BANKRUPT ACT.—Montreal merchants have discovered that the Bankrupt Act is a failure, and petitions are now in circulation in that city, praying that the Act be repealed. Wholesale merchants throughout the country, are of the same opinion. It is said that the Act enables the dishonest trader to swindle his creditors, and affords no protection to the honest man. According to the recent disclosures there certainly does appear to be something wrong in the Act. Under its provisions any swindler can swear himself through court, cheat his creditors and retire with a full pocket.

The Orangeville *Sun* says that Mr. T. Swinarton, M. P. P. for Cardwell, is about to resign his seat in the Local Legislature on account of ill health. Mr. Geo. McMunus is very favourably spoken of as a candidate to fill the vacancy.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The mercury on the night of the 4th instant was 20 degrees below zero at Ottawa. That was the coldest night of the season. It stood 16 degrees below zero at Guelph.

FOR THE WEST.—Messrs Thomas Day, Jonathan Tovel and Henry Talbot of Eramosa, and Mr. Peter McNaughton of Puslinch, left this (Monday) morning for Kansas. Mr. Day, we believe, intends to remain there during the summer, the others go out prospecting for land. Mr. James O'Neil also left the same day to put in the spring crop in his farm in Kansas.

SOIREE AT CUMNOCK.—A soiree was held in Zion Church (Canada Presbyterian), on Monday night, in aid of the building fund. From unavoidable causes, a number of speakers expected from a distance were not present. However, the affair passed off pleasantly. The chair was occupied by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Davidson, who was ably supported by the Rev. Messrs. Smellie, of Fergus, and Barrie, of Eramosa. The choir of Mr. Smellie's church were present, and rendered some pieces in a very creditable manner.

C. P. CHURCH SOIREE.—A soiree in aid of the Canada Presbyterian Church of North Luther was held in the church of the congregation on Wednesday of last week. The good things prepared by the ladies being duly attended to, addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Cedarville; Mr. Alex. Davidson, of Egremont, and Messrs. Wm. Henderson and J. Martin, jr., of Mount Forest. Selections from Dean Ramsay's "Reminiscenses," and from Cowper and Tennyson were read by Mr. James Scott. A choir from Mount Forest, presided over by Mrs Robt. Scott, furnished music at intervals during the evening. Mr. Jas. McLuhan occupied the chair.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CONCERT.—The Mount Forest *Examiner* says the sixth annual concert in connection with St. Mary's Church of that village, is arranged to come off at Evans' Hall, on Wednesday, 17th inst. Arrangements are not quite completed, but being under the direction of Rev. Father Maheut, we are safe to say, that the affair will be not a whit behind its predecessors. Miss Jennie Fraser, formerly of Guelph, now of Elora, one of the most popular singers in this part of the Province, and who was so well received at the concert of last year, is to be present. Mr. T. H. Taylor, the well known comic singer of Guelph, is also expected. A number of lady and gentlemen amateurs of Mount Forest are also likely to render their assistance.

INDUCTION SERVICE. — The Fergus *Record* says that a public service was held in the Congregational Chapel, at Simpson's Corner, Garafraxa, on Friday, 26th ult., for the purpose of publicly recognizing the Rev. E. Barker, as pastor of the church in that neighborhood. In the absence of the Rev. H. Denny, of Caledon, who was detained by the drifted roads, the Rev. A. McGill, of Barton, gave an address on the subject of the pastoral office, and offered the Installation prayer. Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph, was to deliver the Charge to the Pastor-elect; but being unexpectedly prevented from being present, the Rev. J. Gerrie, of Elora (Baptist), extemporised a most appropriate charge. Notwithstanding the heavy storms that preceded the meeting, and the disappointment occasioned by the absence of a number of the ministers invited, the congregation was large, and the service very interesting.

FIRE IN BOSWORTH.—On Saturday night last, shortly after ten o'clock, the store occupied by Mr. A. Procter, in the village of Bosworth, was completely destroyed by fire. Our informant—who was present at the time of the fire—tells us that the members of Mr. Procter's family, as well as those of another family—both of whom occupied different compartments of the upper flat of the building, were all in bed at the time the fire was first discovered, which was just as Mr. Procter himself was preparing to retire. His attention was arrested by a bright light outside, and on going to see the cause he found to his astonishment that the whole of the corner of the store was in flames. The alarm was at once given, but the efforts of the villagers were found unequal to the task of quenching the fire, which had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the fated building; but they succeeded in preventing the store and toll-gate directly opposite from catching fire—a danger which at one time was imminent. Thanks also to the neighbors, a good portion of Mr. Procter's stock, which was a general one, was saved; but the furniture of the two families was either burnt or destroyed by the removal—one of the ladies lost a valuable gold watch amongst other things in the flames. The stock was insured for, we believe, $1200 in the Waterloo Mutual, but there was no insurance on the furniture. The building was owned by Mr. Buchanan, and was, we understand, insured.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, March 6.—No less than ten monster petitions were presented to Queen Victoria at her levee yesterday, praying for amnesty to the Fenian prisoners.

LONDON, March 6.—Seven of the Fenians imprisoned in various parts of the kingdom have been liberated. The following are their names:—Thos. F. Burke, an American Fenian organizer; Dennis F. Burke, recently confined at Clerkenwell; Chas. Kirkham, poet, and one of the editors of the *Irish People*; Capt. Mackey and Messrs O'Connor, Stark and O'Keefe. The latter were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for having written a treasonable article published in the *Irish People*. Messrs. O'Connor, Stark, and O'Keefer were liberated unconditionally.

BERLIN, March 6.—Mr. Bancroft, the American Minister, gave a grand dinner the day before yesterday, in honor of the inauguration of President Grant. Count Bismarck was present, and made a pleasant speech. He said that no dispute had ever arisen between the United States and Germany, and the friendly relations between the two countries were now especially guaranteed.

LATER.

LONDON, March 7.—Rumours from the continent again mention the death of the Pope.

QUEENSTOWN, March 7.—The steamships Nevada and Etna from New York have arrived.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 7.—The steamship Allemania from New York for Hamburg has arrived.

—LONDON, March 7.—Late advices from Japan state that the Minister of France to Japan had an audience with the Mikado at Jeddo and presented his credentials. The ports of Yeddo and Negata have been opened to foreigners. Yeddo is to be the official residence of the Mikado, and the permanent capital of the Japanese Empire.

American Despatches

New York, March 7.—South American advices state that yellow fever still rages on the lower coast of Peru.

News from Central America state that Duenas was re elected President of Salvador and that the shock of an earthquake was felt in the city of that name on the 2nd of February.

Geo. B. Davis, one of the parties awaiting trial on a charge of perjury against Collector Bailey, was released from arrest by order of Attorney-Gen. Evarts, on the ground that he was induced to come here from Canada as a witness under pretence of protection and then thrown into jail.

The Hackinfack Railroad of New Jersey was yesterday transferred to the Erie Road and is to be extended to Sufferns, thus furnishing a third track at this end of the Erie road.

A Madrid letter indicates that Caballero De Rodo is coming to Cuba as a General under Captain-Gen. Dulce.

Sacramento, March 7.—The track of the Central Pacific Railroad has reached Utah boundary, and is graded with the exception of a few unimportant points, continuously to Ajden City, where rails will be laid in May next.

New York, March 7.—The *Herald's* despatch from Fort Hays says the Indian war is ended. There is not a hostile Indian within the limits of the Missouri Department, the refractory tribes having been entirely subdued.

Havana, March 7.—Advices from Santiago De Cuba state that every Spaniard in the town of Maycoa has been killed. Eight hundred troops had gone there.

The Personnel of President Grant's Cabinet.

Mr. Washburne, Secretary of State, is a prominent politican from Illinois. He belongs to a family of politicians, as several of his relations occupy public positions. He is an extreme Republican. The Secretary of the Treasury—Mr. A. T. Stewart—is the great New York merchant of that name. He has always avoided politics, though he gave a strong support to Grant at last election. His appointment to the Treasury Department will not be particularly acceptable to the extreme protectionists, as he is a large importer. It is certain that he will labour for the resumption of specie payments, and will be an opponent of war and warlike movements. How he will manage his own vast business while attending to the concerns of the country, remain to be seen. He is a native of the North of Ireland, and by no means unfriendly with England, with which country, he has of course extensive business relations. Gen. J. D. Cox, Secretary of the Interior, has a good record as a soldier. He has served one term as Governor of the State of Ohio, and is a very popular man. We believe he is a Canadian by birth. Mr. Adolphe E. Boihire, Secretary of the Navy, is a partner in the firm of McLeod, Boihire & Co., commission merchants, Philadelphia. He is a nobody so far as politics are concerned; how Grant came to select him has yet to be explained. Gen. J. M. Schofield, Secretary of War, is well known throughout the country on account of his former connection with the War Department. During the war he stood among the third rate generals. Gen. Crasswell, Postmaster-General, is a prominent politician from Maryland. He has served his State in various capacities, yet his name was never mentioned in connection with the office until Grant sent it among the others. Judge Hoar, Attorney-General, is an able Massachusetts lawyer, who has occupied various important positions in his State. He is a grandson of Roger Sherman, so that probably family influence had something to do with his appointment.

THE NORTH-WEST.—The *Globe* says, if we are to believe the statement of the *Canadian News*, which we publish elsewhere, the delegates to England are no further forward than they were when they landed in England. They are said to have fallen back on the old proposition, that Rupert's Land shall be handed over to the Canadian Government, subject to the claims of the Company. The object of renewing this project may be to bring the Company to terms, and possibly it may have that effect. But it is clear—we regret to say—that up to the latest mail dates no conclusion had been arrived at.