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THE WEEK ENDING

April 30th, 1883.			Corresponding week, 1882.		
Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.
Mon. 42°	30°	36°	Mon. 35°	16°	25°
Tues. 37°	20°	28°	Tues. 42°	21°	31°
Wed. 31°	14°	22°	Wed. 40°	23°	31°
Thur. 35°	20°	27°	Thur. 46°	25°	35°
Fri. 42°	28°	35°	Fri. 47°	33°	40°
Sat. 45°	30°	37°	Sat. 34°	22°	28°
Sun. 17°	35°	11°	Sun. 22°	5°	8°

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CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.  
Montreal, Saturday, May 5, 1883.

THE NORTH-WEST LANDS.

In view of the large number of immigrants already pouring into the country, we call attention to the main features of the Land Bill, laid before the House last week by Sir John Macdonald. The object of the Premier is to consolidate all the laws relating to Dominion Lands into one Act, so that settlers going into Manitoba and the North-West may understand the nature of the laws under which they take their acres. One of the principal amendments to the old law provides that parties can obtain a second homestead. It has been found that when a party had really performed all his settlement duties, there was an objection to his being deprived of the opportunity of getting a second homestead, and the consequence was that he went across the line to the United States and got a second or rather a first homestead. This will now be changed and the settler will be entitled to a second homestead in the North-West.

Another change is in reference to the time of residence after obtaining a location. At present it is provided that every person going into the North-West, should settle upon his land within six months after making his entry. The Premier regards this limit as too short and proposes to extend it. He also makes provision against what is known as "homestead jumping," which has been largely practised, especially in locations where the value of land has increased.

After some important amendments in regard to inspection and cancellation, the Premier declared that hereafter no claim to school lands shall prevail. The Government cannot accede to the demand of the Manitoba Provincial Government, and hand over to the latter all such school lands in the Prairie Province, but they are willing to do the next best thing and that is, as they dispose of the lands, hand over the annual interest to the Province for educational purposes.

With respect to pre-emption the Government have decided to refuse them under certain circumstances. It has been found in the United States that the pre-emption right had operated

in favor of "land grabbing," and this evil must be obviated here. It is well known that our regulations are much more liberal than those of the United States and purposely made to attract immigrants. A homesteader has a right to make an entry for 160 acres and also the right at the same time to pre-empt 160 acres more. For excellent reasons, it is proposed to do away with the latter right, but if the power to do this is given the Government by Parliament, the date on which the change is to take force, will be placed so far ahead as not to effect the immigration of the next two seasons. Sir John proposes to discontinue the privilege of pre-emption after the 1st of January, 1885.

THE WEEK.

MR. CHARLTON'S seduction bill is meeting with slender favor in the Senate. Sir Alexander Campbell made a most discriminating argument in reference to it.

THE ship laborers of St. John, N.B., are very unwise and retrograde. It is simply ridiculous to demand that the use of steam winches in unloading deal cargoes should be done away with.

IT appears that the recent complaints lodged against Mr. Dewdney have received no favor from the Government, as his appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of the North-West Territories has been gazetted.

THE anti-clericalism of the present French Government is affirming itself more and more boldly. Their last move is the asserting of the right to cut off the salaries of priests and even bishops, for cause.

SOME of the wisecracks of Parliament are making fun of our "standing army." Any far-seeing man will understand that the maintenance of A and B Batteries, as the nucleus of a trained and educated force, is wise statesmanship.

IT looks rather significant that the German Government, in order to facilitate the movement of troops, have decided to lay a second track on all railways leading toward Russia. And the joke becomes grimmer when we read that the Russians are equally active.

IN Ireland, the trials are going on. Another prisoner has been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, while further ramifications of the giant conspiracy have been unearthed. The general feeling has been somewhat better, and it is probable that it will be still more soothed by the deliberations of the Philadelphia Convention.

AS we predicted weeks ago, the Government of Quebec have little or no chance of inducing the Federal authorities to grant them the subsidy which they demand. At least, we see no prospect for the present. This result will complicate the financial situation of our Province, but we have nobody to blame except our own selves.

THE female clause of Sir John's new Franchise Bill is already bearing fruit. The ladies are crying "for more." The Women's Suffrage Association of Toronto have issued a circular to members of Parliament demanding that the municipal and parliamentary franchise be given to women on the same conditions of qualification as men.

THE Government have come down with an admirable lands bill for the North-West, all the provisions of which are improvements in the direction of liberality toward immigrants and settlers. We are pleased to see that the Opposition have herein met the Government in a broad spirit, and are prepared to sustain the resolutions in their main features.

WE confess that we are not of those who would regret to see Mr. Gladstone retire upon a

peerage. So long as such distinctions are essential parts of the British system, it is an ungracious affectation to regard them as derogatory to a great man's position. The Earldom of Midlothian would certainly not dim the prestige of even Mr. Gladstone.

JOURNALISTS do not generally shine as speculators or colonizers. Their Colonization Company intended to operate at the Saskatchewan Forks has proved a failure. The unfortunate shareholders lose 25 per cent of their subscriptions. Cheques for amounts payable at the Bank of Montreal have just been issued by the Treasurer.

THE date of the Czar's coronation has at length been definitely settled for the 26th May. This is a matter of congratulation because, the ceremony being regarded as essential in the Russian system of Government, it cannot be any longer delayed, and will probably prove to be an important turning point in the politics of the present reign.

WE place scant faith in the alleged appointment of Mr. Forster to the Governor-Generalship of Canada. That gentleman has no such prestige for the office, 'as we have been accustomed to, and he would be profoundly distasteful to our Irish population. We make this remark altogether independently of Mr. Forster's merits as a statesman.

WE always entertained the suspicion that the treatment of Cetewayo was bungled from the beginning. It is possible that his restoration is about to prove a further blunder. His supremacy is disputed by a large tribe of Zulus who maintain their rebellion by force of arms. It will be very unfortunate if England finds herself obliged to interfere again in this struggle.

THERE is no reason to believe that the Government of Great Britain have made any demand for the extradition of Irish conspirators in the United States, and there is still less reason to expect that, if such a demand were made, it would meet with a favorable hearing. England herself has a rather strange record in this matter of extradition which, in a crisis, would undoubtedly be urged against her.

WITH regard to the peculiarly vexed question of the King's (P.E.I.) election, while we should have preferred to see it thrown back upon the people, we cannot blind ourselves to the fact that the weight of strictly legal argument was on the side of the action of the Committee. Mr. Macmaster's speech was a luminous exposition which gives this young member, at one bound, a foremost rank among the constitutional lawyers of the House. That is the kind of solid men required in Parliament.

THE Irishmen of America are to be congratulated on the result of their proceedings at the great Philadelphia Convention. In spite of the presence of a delegation from the dynamite wing, they not only succeeded in maintaining harmony throughout the sittings, but also passed resolutions which, however strongly worded, did not overstep the bounds of constitutional warfare. Much of this success was due to the admirable temper of the attending clergymen, and to the statesmanly influence of the new President, Mr. Sullivan, of Chicago.

OUR double lacrosse team, of whites and Indians, sail this week, under the Captaincy of Dr. Beers, who has done wonders in organizing the expedition. We have already given full particulars of this project, and will only repeat that the team have taken upon themselves to distribute a supplement of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS specially prepared for the occasion. This supplement is a handsome work, both in engravings and letter-press, and is without question the most important contribution to immigration literature yet attempted. It will do a world of good.

EMPLOYMENT FOR IMMIGRANTS.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

Dear Sir,—I shall feel much obliged if you will allow me to inform your readers that I shall leave Liverpool by steamship *Oregon*, on May 3rd, with my first personally conducted party this season and I hope to arrive at Quebec on or about May 12th. On my arrival at Rimouski on both occasions last year I sent telegrams to all the Dominion and Ontario agents stating the class of people on board, and they kindly replied to Quebec by the time I arrived there, informing the Dominion Agent (Mr. L. Stafford), and the Ontario Agent (Mr. R. M. Pesse), and myself of the class of immigrants they required in their locality. This system I shall adopt on the present occasion, and shall feel obliged to any of your readers needing the help of men or women to communicate almost immediately with the Agent of the Dominion or of the Province in their part of the country so that he may be able to send on to Quebec full particulars. I shall have in my party between three and four hundred persons, comprising farmers, agricultural and general laborers, mechanics, domestic servants, etc., the great majority coming from country districts in England, Scotland and Wales, and a few from Ireland. The domestic servants are coming out under the direct supervision of Miss Say; a good number of my party are going straight through to Winnipeg and other centres in the North-West. I shall return to England in the early part of June and shall leave Liverpool again with my succeeding party on June 28th. I am now sending out from 60 to 100 immigrants each week, many of them being men of capital, intending to take up land in the North-West and farms in the Province of Ontario. It may be that some of your readers may wish to communicate with me during my visit to Canada, they can do so by addressing me at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal. Thanking you for your kindness and past favors,

I am, sir,  
Yours obediently,  
JOHN JAMES JONES.

98 High Street, Homerton, }  
London England. }  
April 16th, 1883. }

NEW BOOKS.

HONOR EDGEWORTH, OR OTTAWA'S PRESENT TENSE. BY VERA. OTTAWA: A. S. WOODBURN.

We have read this work with some curiosity and interest, on the information that it was the maiden effort of one of the most gifted young ladies of the Dominion capital. Anything that emanates from a native pen always enlists our sympathy, and we are inclined to view the productions of our young literature with feelings of special favor. In the present instance, however, no preferential complacence is required, as the book can stand bravely on its own merits. We may say at once that we were surprised, from the initial pages, at the author's sureness of touch and firmness of style, qualities denoting anything but the inexperience of a novice. As to the construction of the story, which is usually our first test of a novel, it is natural and well-sustained, and, barring a little suddenness and abruptness in the transitions from one leading situation to another, it is properly cumulative and culminating. Honor's first encounters with both Guy and Vivian are rather precipitate, and, considering the girl's character, a little forced, but, after a bit, the dialogue rather reconciles us to the surprise. As a rule, the personages are ably drawn. The heroine is well introduced, and her adventures are skillfully developed, and throughout she has the knack of attracting us to her fortunes. The giddy, but good-hearted Guy is a happy pendant to the central figure, while, the heavy villain is an excellent foil. But the strongest and noblest character of all is Henry Rayne, who is so powerfully limned that we suspect he must be drawn from life. The episode of Fifine deepens the main plot considerably, and its *renouement* is brought on with timely force. Indeed, there is much dramatic talent displayed throughout the work, without straining after effect, or exaggerating the effect of passion. The glimpses of Ottawa "high life" are amusing, and, at times, somewhat sarcastic, but not so distinctive as we had been led to expect. Altogether, this work is far above the average standard of similar books of fiction, and while congratulating the author upon her success, we trust we shall be treated often and soon to other productions of her able pen.

HUMOROUS.

RESERVED seats—Patches for a small boy's trousers.

EMPATHY for a dead oarsman: "This was the noblest row-man of them all."

To doctors: Any patient worth knowing is worth knowing well.

At this season of the year the submissive spouse is simply a tacks gatherer.

OSCUATION is the art of hitting the popular taste, and it is mostly hit with a Miss.

SOME people are like a well-used rocking-chair: they are always on the go, but never get ahead.