

The North West.

There have been many reports concerning the new country, many of which have been of the most glowing character, but these have generally been written by persons who had some interest in the question and who were desirous of setting a tide of emigration westward. In many respects no doubt, for all the reports concur in this—the country is a good one for settlement, and the soil generally such that fine crops of cereals may be expected from cultivation. But, notwithstanding that, there are many drawbacks in the country at present, and persons who have been used to comparatively solid comforts of life in the Eastern Provinces would find that "roughing it" in the North West was attended by many hardships, but only by very bare prospects of independence and comfort in the near future. Some of the Ontario farmers who have been tempted to break up their homes, to sell their homesteads in the Province and to emigrate to Manitoba, have, after a short residence there, returned and give the most gloomy accounts of the new country. But they may have formed unreasonable expectations, have thought to find something in advance of Ontario, and so may have been bitterly disappointed. It would be as unsafe to take their estimate of the new country on the one hand as it would on the other to take that of a person who has lots for sale in one of the embryo towns.

Wonders of the Phonograph.

It is not very long since the world was astonished by the remarkable feats performed on the telephone, and forthwith a dozen persons came forward to claim that they had conceived the idea of the instrument years before Professor Bell patented his discovery. But whatever interest may be attached to the telephone, or to what ever useful purposes it may be put, these are now made appear as almost insignificant when placed side by side with the later invention of the phonograph. As has been remarked concerning it, this latest scientific novelty seems to contain the promise of a system of human intercourse more wonderful in its operation than anything that fancy in its highest flight could ever have conceived. The phonograph is still in its infancy, not having completed its first year of existence; but the results already obtained from it fully justify the belief that it will before long become of great practical use. The phonograph is simply an instrument for reproducing spoken words at any distance of either time or place. A speech, for example, delivered in New York may be re-delivered by the phonograph in the exact tones of the speaker in Washington; or the sound-record may be preserved for any length of time, and the speaker's words reproduced even after his own decease. This fact has naturally suggested a large amount of speculation, of both a humorous and a serious character, as to the possible applications of the phonograph. But the wildest of these can hardly exceed what the assumed inventor actually claims for it. In the glowing picture furnished by Mr. Edison, he anticipates that the telephone and phonograph will supersede both ordinary letter writing and telegraphy. Instead of sending a telegraphic message, a man of business will simply notify his correspondent that he wants to talk to him; and the phonographic letter-received of a morning will be placed in the machine and made to communicate at the rate of 150 or 200 words a minute.

Mr. S. S. Terwilliger, of the Siding, Wyoming Ter., has invented an improved Sulky Scraper for grading roads and for similar uses. The scraper is in one solid piece, and is suspended at the front to the axle by hinged straps and at the rear to a curved lever which holds it in position for carrying or discharging the load.

Dr. G. F. Waters, of Boston, has found in the juice of the milkweed a remedy for suppurating wounds. The time of healing varied from 24 to 36 hours; but in each instance new skin formed completely across. The Doctor states that the essential point is to dry the wounded surface gently and thoroughly with blotting paper before applying the milkweed juice. After the juice is applied, and while the healing is in progress, a piece of blotting paper is used to cover the surface.

The strike among the cotton operatives of Lancashire, Eng., still continues, though there are no more riots. A ballot was taken on questions at issue, in which all propositions of employers were overwhelmingly defeated. The manufacturers refuse to arbitrate, because the terms proposed by the workmen mean simply ruin to them. An early settlement of the difficulties was at first hoped for, but the hope is now pretty much abandoned. Meanwhile the operatives have already lost more by the strike than they would make in a year if their efforts were successful.

The Pennsylvania State Militia is rapidly being placed on a war footing, in anticipation of labor troubles at Pittsburgh, and in the coal regions. Company commanders of the Seventeenth Regiment have been notified to have their men ready for active service at short notice. It is feared that there will be an outbreak at Pittsburgh. Gov. Hartman is determined to be prepared for the rioters this time.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt seems to regard it as his duty to continue the benefactions of his father to the University bearing the family name. Some time ago

he gave \$1,000 to the library of the institution, and he has just sent on a check for a similar amount to be used in the purchase of books. Why can't a few more of our "railroad magnates" be persuaded to do likewise?

Bishop Whittle, Episcopalian, of Virginia is out with a vigorous condemnation of round dancing, which he says is an abomination that he is ashamed to particularly describe.

Sir Henry Crookenden, an English knight who died in 1876, left instructions in his will that his corpse should be cremated, and three weeks ago his remains were exhumed and burned at Milan, where there is a flourishing cremation society, the rite being witnessed by some friends and by scientific Englishmen and Italians. Italy had taken the lead in introducing cremation.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, June 5, 1878.

THE ELECTION.

For the past fortnight canvassing has been briskly carried on, and will be continued to the day of polling. The aspirants to represent the County, are visiting its most remote sections, yea to the islands of the sea, soliciting the suffrages of the "dear people." While there is no political issue at stake—no great question upon which to hinge a canvas—there is much said with reference to retrenchment, lavish expenditure, and husbanding the resources of the Province, and its present financial position. As a matter of course, petty side issues are introduced to the detriment of some and the benefit of other candidates; this may be expected during election contests. As yet there appears to be no unpleasant feelings engendered; but this we do assert, that there is a firm determination on the part of the people to do as seems to them right, for the interests of the country, and they are without doubt the best judges whom to send to represent them in the councils of the Province. They realize, that the present financial condition of the Province should govern the expenditure, and that a judicious economy should be practiced, or the country will suffer from excessive taxation; and they believe that its present liabilities require supervision.

The reconstruction of the Government receives a share of criticism, it is generally admitted that the principal spoke in the political wheel was removed, when Mr. King retired. There is still left, Attorney General Fraser and Surveyor General Stevenson, with the new Provincial Secretary Wedderburn, who are administering the affairs of the Province, the office of Chief Commissioner of Works is not yet filled. Old Charlotte has had one of its members in the Executive, whose administration of the Crown Land Department has never been equalled by his predecessors, and Mr. Stevenson's record as Surveyor General, it is conceded, entitles him to re-election. From the general tone of public opinion, Mr. Cotterell's re-election appears to be certain. Of the new candidates, it is not easy to write—they have so many friends and the interests are so divided, but from the best and impartial sources of information, we learn, that Mr. Lynott is booked as one of the future representatives of this County; we have also heard Mr. Newton's name frequently mentioned, and generally by persons from different parts of the County, as one who will receive very general support, all parties conceding that the Islands are entitled to, and should have a representative. The race between Messrs. Main, McGee, and the others, will be a close one, and it is not possible to know who will win until the election is closed.

The City of Government or Opposition is not heard, for the excellent reason neither exists at present. The electors are masters of the situation, and are disposed to choose men for their integrity and ability. It is conceded also, that an infusion of new blood into the legislative body, would be of service to its political health, and it is probable that the next House will contain a generous supply.

We claim no originality for the views expressed in this article, as they are known to the public, from whom they are derived. When we offer our individual views, we cease to reflect public opinion, and are not its exponent; at the same time, we entertain decided views upon this, and other public questions.

Nomination Day.

Saturday next having been appointed by the Sheriff for the nomination of candidates seeking election to the local legislature, it is probable that there will be a large gathering of the free and independent electors present at the Court House, to listen to the addresses of the many offering their services for legislators. The Sheriff has, according to his usual practice, made the necessary preparations for the proper conduct of the election, which is a sufficient assurance that he will receive, as on previous occasions, the thanks of the candidates at its close. A brief synopsis of the addresses will be given as heretofore, in these columns.

Letters received, are too late for the present issue.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Apprenticeship Question.

A correspondent enquires,—"How is it that official secrets, which should be confined to the offices at Ottawa, are known to the opponents of the Administration in the Maritime Provinces? Is the opposition element among the subordinate employees of the Government so powerful, as to warrant them in divulging information which should be known alone to the Departments? This is a question of serious import to the Government, and one that was brought to their notice near the close of the session of Parliament. Is it not time the pruning knife was applied?"

Increased Allowance.

The Dominion Government has taken into consideration the claims of Mr. John Conley, formerly light keeper on Seal Island, to increased superannuation allowance, having granted it to him, with a respectable amount for past arrears. This act of justice to a deserving employee, is in harmony with the general characteristics of the administration.

TOURISTS HOME.—On Friday last Dr. Gove and J. R. Bradford Esq., arrived by steamer from their European trip, having been absent only seven weeks and two days from the time they left St. Andrews. Both gentlemen enjoyed good health, although the roast beef of old England did not make them so robust as was expected, as they were constantly on the wing. While absent they visited various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland, and France. Mr. Bradford also visited various places in Holland and Belgium.

How Many More?

Just as we said a couple of weeks ago, as to the choice of an Island member—"United we stand, divided we fall." There is another Richmond in the political field from Grand Manan.—Mr. Isaac Newton, who has kindly consented to be a candidate, "at the earnest solicitation of a large number of the electors" of that section of the County, his card appears in another column. What then is the meaning of the political meetings which were held at Campbell and Deer Island, nominating Dr. Cameron, the proceedings of which meetings were published in the newspapers? Have not the "Islands" adopted the best method to defeat the object they had in view? The thirteenth of June will settle the question. Probably are another general election, every Parish in the County will demand one of its own sons to represent it in the legislature, which has now too many members. What has become of the promises made at the inception of Confederation, that the legislative expenses would be lessened, as the number of members would be reduced.

STILL ANOTHER.—It was currently reported last evening that Mr. Geo. F. Hill, has been requested to offer for the local legislature, and that he is a candidate. Mr. Hill is a young man of talent, and formerly represented this County.

Sad Drowning Accident.

A boat belonging to the Bay Side, with six persons on board, while leaving the lower wharf at Calais, was upset, and sad to state, two promising young men, Capt. B. Rideout son of O. B. Rideout of Calais, and Horace, youngest son of Mr. B. Pettigrove were drowned. Mr. Pettigrove saved himself by catching an oar, and the others swam ashore. This sad event has cast a gloom around the promising village at the Bay Side.

IRON FOUNDRY.—Mr. Andrew Lamb has leased the Foundry from Mr. Watson, and commenced work. All descriptions of mill, ship, and other work executed, together with stove castings, agricultural implements. Mr. Lamb's ability, ingenuity and practical experience in foundry work, are a guarantee that orders entrusted to him, will be filled with fidelity and despatch; we trust he will receive that patronage which he merits.

FRUIT TREES are covered with blossoms; a small young plum tree about two feet in height in Mr. C. Kennedy's garden is bent over with blossoms. The grass looks well, and potatoes in some gardens are ready for second moulding.

Fredericton News.

Tuesday June 4.

Politics receive greater attention as the time for election draws near. All the candidates are making a vigorous canvass, but the general opinion is that the four City candidates will be elected. The friends of Messrs. Blair and Thompson are confident of their success. We have not heard of any ticket being yet formed.

A friendly base ball match on Saturday last between the "Mutuals" and a nine from the University resulted in favor of the former by five runs.

THE RIFLE.—The York County Rifle Association have commenced a series of monthly matches, the prize to be a Snider rifle. The first Competition was held yesterday. Corpl. Smith was the winner for this month with a score of 81 points.

ENSIGN LOGGIE and Private Perkins, our Wimbeldon contingent, leave here within a week for Quebec, where the team takes the steamer for England.

HALEY'S Hibernian Minstrels gave a performance here last night. They also perform again this afternoon and evening.

CHALLENGER.—We learn that Robert Brown challenged Alex. McElwee to row a skull race, distance two miles, for \$25 a side on July 1st.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE STANDARD.]

Mr. Editor.—My attention has been called to an article in the Freeman of the 28th ult., attacking your position in the present political campaign, and I think the writer has mistaken the man, perhaps not knowing we have a second paper published in St. Andrews, for it is widely known that you have already taken an independent stand, have advocated truth and justice, and spoken out in favor of the best men as you always have done.

It would be much more satisfactory if all Editors would express their sentiments in this political canvass as plainly as you do. I hope Mr. Editor, the Freeman will in future address his remarks in the direction where they best fit.

I am yours,

St. Andrews, June 3rd, 1878.

SUMMARY.

The Russo-Turkish Commission which, according to a Constantinople dispatch, failed to agree upon a line of demarcation between the Turkish and Russian forces, consisted of Russian and Turkish commanders, appointed at General Tolstoy's suggestion to fix a new line of demarcation and make regulations for the better preservation of peace in the present dangerous proximity of the two armies. The Russian and Turkish soldiers, however, fraternize cordially where the lines are in contact, and no trouble is apprehended despite the failure of the Commission to agree; but it was thought advisable to have the lines further apart and more precise regulations. The health of the Russian troops is improving.

The St. John Globe gives the following sensible advice to the electors:—"We again urge upon our friends in St. John that, as there is to be a General Election for the Commons the present year, no time should be lost by the Liberal party in placing its candidates in the field. There is but one feeling in the City as regards Mr. De Volder, there is but one regard for Hon. Mr. Burpee, but these gentlemen should receive the formal endorsement of the party. * * * This is not a Conservative county. It is certainly not a Conservative county of the stripe to return supporters and associates of Sir John A. Macdonald."

The feeling in St. John towards the Government is very warm. That, like all human institutions, it has some faults and some defects, that it is not without imperfections, we all know. But it has administered the public affairs of Canada through a most trying period of Canada's history with ability and honesty. It has avoided scandals, and has generally so conducted itself as to meet with a fair amount of approbation. There is no difficulty whatever, with our party united and determined, but that we could carry the two seats in the County as well as the one in the city. The day of organization should not be left off to long.

MECHANICAL SKILL.—A singular instance of mechanical skill, ingenuity, and perseverance is reported by one of the Scotch papers as having recently occurred at the village of Longforgan. It seems that the clock on the church steeple of that place has long been stopped. Sums of money have been more than once raised to repair the old machinery, but all efforts to set it going proved unsuccessful. This state of affairs, weighed heavily on the mind of a carpenter in the village who had tried his hand at the clock and found the machinery in such a state of dilapidation that he was obliged to quit the steeple in disgust. His attention, however, being in this way drawn to the subject, he devoted his leisure hours to studying the principles of clock-making; and at last, thinking that he saw his way to manufacturing a new clock, boldly commenced the work. He not only made most of the models for the different wheels, but even several of the tools for adjusting and perfecting the respective parts when moulded. Having other business to perform, he could only employ himself on the clock during spare hours; but at last he finished the work and with his own hands placed it in the steeple. It has now been there for some months, and keeps time with admirable accuracy. As a specimen of workmanship, the clock is admitted by all who have seen it to be peculiarly perfect. The different parts have been executed with a skill and finish which it would be difficult to surpass.

The Queen will formally signify her consent to the marriage of the Duke of Connaught with the Princess Louise-Margaret of Prussia at a Council at Windsor on Thursday next, and Parliament will immediately afterwards be asked to vote the same allowance as was granted to the Duke of Ed-

inburgh on his marriage. The Princess receives a dowry of £10,000. The Duke has not attained his 28th year. His brother the Prince of Wales was married at the age of 22, and the Duke of Edinburgh at 30. The betrothal takes place next Sunday.—Glasgow Herald May 16th.

SHEDDIAK, May 29.—This lively village has another sensation. This time it is among the higher classes of society, and is to the effect that the captain of a new ship which recently sailed from St. John was to have taken to him a wife, one of Sheddia's fairest ladies, before sailing. The wedding was to have been celebrated here, and every preparation was accordingly made, but the captain telegraphed to a man here who was to go mate of the vessel, to go to St. John immediately, and the vessel sailed, leaving the fair and disconsolate maiden. No reason is assigned for the master's usual act.

THE Vitalizing Nutritive-Tonic qualities of Rodinson's Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto-phosphate of Lime would indicate its great value as a Restorative and Invigorator in that low condition of the System prevailing in patients recovering from Diphtheria as well as Fevers, especially those of a Typhoid character; while, if taken when the premonitory signs of lassitude and weakness appear, it would have a tendency to prevent the attack, or lighten and shorten its duration. The case in which it has been used fully bears out this hypothesis. It stimulates the enfeebled powers and builds up and gives fresh life and vitality to the whole system. For sale by Druggists and General Dealers Price \$1.00 per bottle for \$5 Prepared by J. H. Robinson, St. John, N. B.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

May 31, Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, sun. June 1, Harold, Hanson, Boston, Beef, &c.

CLEARED.

June 3, Clara, Britt, 200 tons scrap iron.

REQUISITION.

To ISAAC NEWTON, Esq. Sir, Believing you to be a fit and proper person to represent the County of Charlotte, and especially the Islands interests in the Legislature, we hereby request that you will allow yourself to be put in Nomination at the coming Election, and we pledge you our support.

E. Gaskill, Winslow Cronk, Edmund Daggett, J. R. Alfred Stanley, James O'Brien, Benjamin Flagg, Frederick Cronk, 2nd, Alonzo Bancroft, H. C. Gupill, John Stanley, Geo. B. Noyes, James Lawson, Isaac Meigs, N. M. Small, W. B. Gupill, Rodney Flagg, W. B. McLaughlin, Magnus Green, J. P. James Benson, Cyrus Cheney, J. P. Wm. Plant, Stephen Thomas, Charles H. Russell, Peter Bell, Cyrus Benson, Alexander Gilmore, Anson Ingersoll, Lewis Kent, Geo. N. Harvey, Robert Squire, Caleb Benson, John H. Foster, John H. Russell, Isaac B. Urquhart, W. L. Russell, John Dalzell, Samuel N. Benson, Ebenezer Richardson, Robert Curran, Ebenezer Gray, Abram M. Dakin, Charles Sinclair, George Benson, Moses Cheney, Charles Benson, W. B. Cheney, Daniel Whippley, Judson S. Gupill, James Small, Daniel Young, Charles Small, Curtis Ingles, Philip Newton, Samuel Thomas, James Ingalls, Grand Manan, June 1, 1878.

To the Electors of Charlotte County.

GENTLEMEN: At the earnest solicitation of a large number of the Electors of this section of the County, I have consented to be a Candidate for the Islands, at the ensuing election for representatives to the General Assembly of this Province. Should I have the honor to be elected, I shall, on all occasions, use my best efforts to perfect such measures, as shall be conducive to the best interests of the County and Province.

Respectfully soliciting your support, I am gentlemen, Your obedient servant, ISAAC NEWTON.

Grand Manan, June 1, 1878.

To the Electors of the County of Charlotte.

GENTLEMEN: I shall be a Candidate at the approaching Election for members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, and respectfully solicit your suffrages.

I elected my best energies shall be directed towards securing a prudent and economical administration of public affairs, and the promotion of such legislation as shall seem best fitted to subserve the varied interests of this County in particular and the Province in general.

Before election day I shall, as far as practicable, visit the various sections of the County and explain my views on public questions more fully.

I am, GENTLEMEN, Yours faithfully, DAVID MAIN

St. Ste. bon, N. B., May 23, 1878.

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GENTLEMEN: At the approaching for the representation House of Assembly, I ask your suffrages.

As your representative Government, I have faith to discharge the varied duties as to justify the confidence accorded to me; and press on of that confidence of the continuance of my promoting your welfare, fluence of the Local Legislature.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your c

St. Andrews, May 22,

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