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[Prompt returns for all furs shipped to us. Reference Central Bank, Toronto.]

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Partridge, 40 to 45cts. per Brace; Quail, 30c; Ducks, 30c; Red Heads, 40c; Gray Heads, 45c; Canvas Ducks, 50; Mallards, 35c; Teal, 20c; Wood Duck, 20c; Snipe, 15; Plover, 15c; Woodcock, 50c; Cock of the Wood, 40c; Game Pigeon, 15c; Wild Pigeon, 13c; Prairie Chicken, 80c; Sage Hens, 70c; Deer, 3½ to 5cts. per lb; Moose Deer, 5c; Beaver without skin, 4½ to 6c; Rabbits, 20 to 25cts. per Brace; Hares, 25 to 30c.

Owing to the recent illness of the editor, many correspondents remain unanswered, and the editorial matter in the present issue is not up to the usual mark. But as health is returning we have every hope that within a week the numerous valued letters received, will be answered.

There have been four mad dogs killed lately by the people of Hartford, south of the Grand River reservation. The Indians should keep a sharp look-out after their dogs and especially in that part of the reservation. If you notice any sign of madness have the dog killed immediately.

Subscribers at different offices complain that they do not receive their paper regularly. We know that the papers of some of them were mailed at this office. In mailing the paper we

are careful to see that no subscriber is overlooked. The fault is undoubtedly in some one else. We will be glad if every subscriber who does not get the paper will notify us promptly. If they will do so we will try to find the negligent party and bring him to justice.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

FIFTH PARLIAMENT.—FOURTH SESSION.

The debate upon the Riel question has occupied all the attention of the House since our last issue. The speeches upon both sides of politics were long, and as a general thing eloquent. But there appeared to be a feeling amongst the people's representatives, that they were tired of the Riel agitation.

In the first number of the INDIAN, we divided the reasons why some people were vexed at the Government for allowing this man to be hung, into three heads:—

First—"That the Court by which he was tried, was not proper or legal."

During the debate, and especially after the long and able speech of the Minister of Justice, the opposition dropped this as an argument, and to acknowledge that the trial was legally conducted under laws made during Mr. McKenzie's administration, and that every chance had been granted Riel's counsel from the lowest to the highest court.

Second—"That his acts against the law were committed while he was insane."

The following is the text in full of reports made by the three medical gentlemen appointed to enquire and report upon the accountability of Louis Riel. The first report is made by Dr. Jukes, Senior Surgeon of the North-West Mounted Police Force, and is as follows:—

"REGINA, Nov. 6th, 1885.

SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in the communication received by you from the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald that I should report without delay upon the mental condition of the prisoner, Louis Riel, now under my medical care, and how far I consider him accountable and responsible for his acts, I have the honor to report as follows:—

Louis Riel has been under my special care, medically, as surgeon of this force, for upwards of five months, since his arrival here as prisoner. During that time I have visited him with few exceptions, every day: have studied him closely, and conversed with him long and frequently. I have personally a strong aversion to punishment by death. I believe that failing to establish his insanity his death is near at hand, but after careful and continuous examination of him under varying circumstances from day to day, I cannot escape the conviction that, except upon purely religious questions, having relation to what may be called the divine mysteries, he was, when entrusted to my care, and still continues to be, perfectly sane and accountable for his actions. Under these circumstances my duty, though a painful one, is clear, and my opinion, not hastily formed, equally so—namely, that Riel's peculiar views upon religious subjects, which so strongly impress the ignorant and unreflecting with an idea of his madness,

cannot be rightly regarded as interfering with or obscuring in the slightest degree, his clear perception of duty, or as rendering his judgment less sound in the affairs of every day life. I therefore record my opinion that, with the reservation above made, Riel is a sane, clear-headed and accountable being, and accountable for his actions before God and man.

"I have, &c.,

(Signed), "A. JUKES, Sen. Surgeon.

"To the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Lieut.-Governor of the N. W. Territories."

Drs. Valade, of Ottawa, and Lavell, surgeon of the Kingston penitentiary, report as follows:

"REGINA, 8th Nov., 1885.

"SIR,—After having Riel in private conversation with him, and by testimony of persons who took care of him, I have come to the conclusion that he suffers under a hallucination on political and religious subjects, but on other points I believe him to be quite sensible, and able to distinguish right from wrong.

(Signed), "F. X. VALADE, M. D.

"The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., Premier of Canada."

"REGINA, Nov. 8th, 1885.

"SIR,—I have the honor to report that having given conscientious consideration to the case of Louis Riel, now confined here under sentence of death, fully appreciating the trust committed to me and all the consequences involved, I am of the opinion that the said Louis Riel, although holding and expressing foolish and peculiar views as to religion and general government, is an accountable being, and capable of distinguishing right from wrong.

"I have, &c.,

(Signed), "M. LAVELL, M. D.

"The Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, &c., &c."

Then Mr. Chapleau in his speech presented the following evidence, as to Riel's insanity, while in the asylum some years ago.

Mr. CHAPLEAU said:—

"But here is some evidence that is still more conclusive. I hold in my hand a statement by Dr. Perrault, of Longue Point asylum, whose honesty and integrity no man can challenge. He says:—

"I, the undersigned, certify that a few days after the entrance of Louis Riel into this asylum, I perceived that with him insanity was simulated. The exaggeration of his acts was such and so much outside of what we generally remark in subjects affected with real insanity that to a physician accustomed to treat such diseases there could be no room for doubt. Upon my observing to him that I was not to be made a dupe, he confessed to me that he was shamming insanity. (Hear, hear.) The evidence that I was right in my surmises; and that his confession was really sincere, is that at every time, and there were many. I have spoken alone with him he has talked in a manner absolutely lucid and sane upon every subject with which he had entertained me.

"F. X. PERRAULT, M. D.,

Asylum of Longue Pointe."

A similar opinion was given to me a long time ago. I knew the fact during the time Riel was