

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF JABEZ SNOWBALL WHO IS DEAD IN THIS COUNTY.

SPIRIT OF LATEST

Mr. T. B. Hannington has been appointed census commissioner for New Brunswick.

The discussion over the Government contract still continues with its for it may often occur that parties un-

snow in places near London—on the level. The loss of life is slight, but the damage to property is great.

WITH so many published opinions respecting the Governments Railway Policy, it is hard for those who have not settled convictions, to make up their minds which side is right and which is wrong. For

In law what plea so tainted and

What damned error but some sober

the dawning of a new and prosperous d carried our products over the time Provinces. Then speed the Gov- to make some answer to the henious ernment may be proud. So that we wanted a railroad too. those who run and read have just There is another way of looking at

built, by some one or another; every drawn. \$25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of the burthen of building too heavy for the Government to bear, and conworld, in a better position to carry

When the terms of the Syndicate became known, the Opposition press as in duty bound decried them and assailed the Government; and then informed the country that a new Syndicate had formed the day before and were prepared to submit terms that were equitable and right. It is this new Syndicate, which, thrown into the fire of debate, has created the late blaze of excitement at

Ottawa. Sie John Macdonald and his party denounce the New Syndicate as a plot resorted to by their opponents in much reason for the Governments contention. In the first place the deteat the Government Contract and

for \$22,000.000: and remember the cry the demagogue may make about own race in the Dominion will flock the Government "squandering three in in goodly numbers, and we need million acres of land, and three millions acr million acres of land, and three million do lars" is not an easy one to some enterprise in the way of roving what difficult to understand to what our contemporary refers," you also state that you have seen a statement made in some quarters, that if any errors or freads were homeless. Great damage has been done and there is council reports, the pugnacious editor of council reports. formed any time, and at macir be ter, terms still, since the object was to \$20,000,000 per year. raise a cry against the Government.

It is easy to make an offer, -but not so easy to carry out that offer. The New Syndicate may be able to scrape up-two million dolla s "security," an amount beyond what he Government asks from the other Syndicare, but what does that signify? Mr. A Gibson has but in halt a million himself, and three or four others have put in the rest; but the capital of to pay them. Where one pays 85 a these gentlemen is about at an end by time the "security" is satisfied. Let us be plainer. Getting two million dollars as a security to the Government is one thing; getting twenty times that much money to build the road is quite another thing. DES- The Government must take this view of the case, and no doubt they will. When the Government ask for tenders for the construction of a great work they amornee that they do not hind themselves "to accept the lowest" -able to carry out the contract, tender There are from 10 to 17 feet of for work and furnish the Government

madness to entrust the contract. So too with the Syndicate. The Government have no doubt at all WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT about the financial abilities of the first Syndicate, they have grave doubts about the financial ability of first Syndicate, they have grave doubts about the financial ability of the second Syndicate; and therefore in justice to the trust reposed in them should not give such a gigantic work as the construction of the Canada Pacific to the "lowest bidder," for the reasons stated if there were no others. But it now transpires that there has been at work But being seasoned with a gracious a hidden hand. The Northern Pacific Company see themselves menaced Obscures the show of evil? In re- by an all-through Canadian line, and are therefore working with might Mr. Blake's Sault Ste Marie Branch and main to have the through road Will bless it and approve it with a abandoned, and the Sault Ste Marie to Canadian territory there would be branch built instead. This hidden Some will maintain that the step hand crops out in the New Syndi- It is the Americans not the Lower Pro the Government has taken, will cates offer, but Sir John McDonald bring ruin upon themselves, and mercilessly exposed it. He said our by the North West. The tuture of our of Sir Albert Smith and of no other chains upon the North West, while chain others as strongly maintain that the wanted no Sault line, nor any other of the Dominion is its settlement of on those spurs he so proudly boasts, consummation of the scheme will be line that tapped and bled our country, greater importance than to the Mari-

day for uncreated provinces in the roads of the Republic. We had a ernment Syndicate. West, and a policy of which the Gov- country which we called our own and

to follow the teaching of common the question, which brings our duty to follow the teaching of common the question, which brings our duty sense, to reach a proper conclusion. home to us clearly. Observe you be anything ELSE, I CAN tainly unbecoming—But then yeGods. that explanation had better never Government yet in power in Ottawa through idea may be abandoned, and has made exertions to that end, and only the prairie section built, and the only question tormenting the connexion made with the American PROFESSOR HIND AND HON public mind now is the method of system by the Sault Ste. Marie building. The Government formed branch. Now then: if the House a Syndicate, to which they offered passed the new proposal, the Gov't would have to go out, and the lately, have our opinion about Prof. land for building the road, deeming Blake Party would come in, and Hind, and it is not necessary we take the option given them in the new should state it again. We dealt contract-BUILDING THE SAULT STE. at much length with this subject sidering a company of capitalists MARIE BRANCH, and abandoning the when other Provincial papers gave it with branches in various parts of the through line. Then indeed might a mere passing notice; because we a letter from a gentleman dealing with the new Syndicate well go on with felt at the time that if the statements an unprovoked and unjust newspaper at a scheme of immigration—immigration being the end only to build over the prairies; ceive any credence, the effect would desired both by the Syndicate and they would have a short road to run be the reopening of the question of desired both by the Syndicate and they would have a short road to run be the reopening of the question of the Government. To those who may prime lands to select and would make a the fishery award, "s consummation clusion of the Council doings, a large say, the Government ought to be fortune. The great idea of a Nation-devoutly to be wished for" by the quantity of local news, a mass of devoutly to be wished for by the Ottawa matter, several other comable to carry out this scheme as well alroad would be hopelessly destroyed, Americans, and a subject that has as a Syndicate, the answer is, that the future of our North West, the quite too long already been disgust- use till next issue. companies can get as much done for life blood sapped out of it by Ameri- ing the people of British North Am-75 cents as Governments can for can roads, would be not worth con- erica. That our fears were but too a dollar; that as the Syndicate is templating, British Columbia would well founded, subsequent events go subject of high compliment all over the formed solely to build this road and second from the union, and the to prove. Professor Hind boldly promote immigration, they could do Blake dream would be realized. Will stated that several documents wil- a piece of convincing and able argufar more towards settling the country the country accept such deba ing confully misstating several important feathan the Government could who ditions? O no; that is not the tures of Dominion trade, were placed have a thousand other irons in the direction in which Canadian ambition in evidence before the Commission at lies. The Government measure will Halifax, and used as the basis upon administered a nice rebuke to Mr. be carried by nearly two to one.

> WHAT WILL FLOW FROM THE NEW ROAD.

Supposing our readers will follow us beyond the Rubicon while we about, and threatens to reveal rivers make a few calculations. Suppose of black dishonor. we set the population of the Dominion down at 4,000,000. Early next can papers, and created a wonderful scenes as are presented. They are alspring the New Syndicate will go to noise; and the latest we learn upon most indescribable. Vehicular traffic is work, and within five years a railway he matter is that it has got into the cabs have ceased attempting to run. The will run through our best lands to English press, and the Home Governthe base of the Rocky Mountains. ment, zealous of the reputation of Branch lines running through good Colonial Government declares that road on the Surrey side of the river. The lands, will here and there join the matter must be sitted to the bot-main line. It is only fair to assume tom.

12 00 main line. It is only fair to assume tom. desperate straits, and there seems main line. It is only fair to assume tom. that everywhere a railway runs, there will set lement also be. So far, the philanthropist or a just man that he London, on the Surrey side, are overflow. immigration to our North West, has threatened to disclose "rivers of ing through the violence of the gale and in many cases they go to those places Fresh Pork. scheme was originated by some of the most abandoned men in Canada; the most abandoned men in Canada; and secondly the scheme in itself is such, that if passed it imposes neither such are no tailways. But once let the news tables—the fraudulent tables too if penalty for the non-performance of get abroad that there is a fertile there be any; the work. Its aim is therefore to country containing hundreds of thousands of acres of the best of land with it the Government. And mind untaken and railways running broad hint and give him a position been experienced there for 20 years you the men who schemed out the through it, and emigrant ships will in the Fishery Department. contract, were cunning knaves, who have more than their cargoes. Within knew full well they were framing a the next ten years, it will be found, took for granted that the sin and the that the number of emigrants to the ponents. The Government offered North West in that time, will not fall ponents. The Government offered the number of the number of the whole the Toronto Globe did not beat much that there was an exceedingly slim at black dishonor mentioned by Mr. Hind, lay at Conservative doors, and mons wanted to open the session. There not taken too much of your valuable not your valu the first Syndicate 25,000,000 acres, one short of the number of the whole the Toronto Globe did not beat much were so few members in their seats that the new Syndicate offered to do the population of Canada today, Ireland about the bush to lay it to the adminwork for 22,000,000; the Govern- will send us thousands by the hun- istration of Hon. Peter Mitchell. To journed for a day and thus losing time ment offered \$25,000,000; the dred; Danish Colonies are already on this Mr. Mitchell writes the follow- which in the present stress of public

for \$22,000,000; and remember the French settlers finding so many of their Our total Dominion tax i ina nov

To pay that tax there are 4,000,000.

This makes the per capita tax \$5. In 1891 our population will be8,000, jion people having to pay these taxes. there will be eight millions of people year now in tax he would have to pay little over \$2.50 then.

It follows then that such a reduction of import duties could be made, that instead of paying an all-around duty

"securities," to whom it would be will pay the smelter, for the level wood in domestic economy, for the against himself and our con prairies afford no wood but poplar-When that day comes, as come it will. it is then our people will be blessing the Government for building up a tariff barrier along the frontier; for with our North West markets open to the Americans across the line, with attempt has been made to put the running twice a day from American little indeed for us from the Pro- reference to Sir Albert Smith. Clearvinces to sell to our prairie brethren. ly the trand of making false returns, vince Canadians who could then profit

> SAID THE WORTHLESS DUTCH SOLDIER: " IF I CANT of Sir Albert, if not suspicious, is cer-

PETER MITCHELL.

THOSE who have read the STAR which the award was granted by the Anglin by endorsing the Governarbitrators. He was employed himself to collect statistics, and tabulate items; and he professes to speak as one who knows what he is talking

His story has got into the Ameri-

And because

new Syndicate offered to do the work the move; Germans will flock in here, ing reply in the Montreal Gazette: - affairs, is very precious.

Sir,-In your paper today under the head

ter of Marine and Fisheriss, Sir Albert J. Smith, is responsible, and signed the reports for the next five years, during which time the award was made at Halifax. Professor lliud charges that from the fall cf 1872 the reports of the Department were wilfully and deliberately falsified, and that fraudulent of about 30 per cent, the tax would returns and statistics were submitted by the Minister having charge of the Department, Sir Albert J. Smith, for the purpose material will be carried on. Our avail himself of the columns of the press to deny or explain the disgraceful imputations under which he has allowed his own honor North West, and we need not send and that of the country to lie, he should it abroad; our valuable iron mines from his place in the House have at least given some explanation of his conduct. It is true that the knight received his honors

I am, sir,

P. MITCHELL This is plain enough even for a grit I.C.R. Raiiway \$1.294,099 69 \$2,010,183 22 Editor-and since its appearance no saddle on the wrong horse. But we think Mr. Mitchell very happy in his ICR Railway \$1,506,293 43 \$1,603,429 74 if such fraud there be, it is at the door Chatham, Jan. 21. charge now made against him. Confronted by such a charge, and ap-[For the STAR.] on a subject to which the press of the world gives its attention, the silence All are agreed the road has to be will, by some one or another; every will suit, by some one or another; every will suit the suit of the s withheld rather than should it gurn all foretold it, from the greatest down to feeling engendered or more personal out, those spurs the knight so proud-

> HE HAS DISGUSTED FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE BY HIS

> ly boasts were won by fraud and

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WE received too late to: this issue

munications, etc., we cannot possibly

ment. We shall refer more fully to it at another time.

ments contract with the Syndicate unanimously.

LONDON INUNDATED

The aspect of London today is amazing. No one remembers any such entirely abandoned, and omnibuses and Having the writers name we publish: in the Thames is estimated at \$2,000,

The Thames has risen on the Surrey

was rewarded by his forereign. I also am responsible for the official reports of the Department up to the 30th of June, 1872. From that date the late Minis- and the danger is past. Ep.]

Communications.

A CURRECMON FROM TRACADIE.

Some time ago sir, I saw a report of But this is not all. In the North
West would spring up a market for
the products of the Maritime Prothe products of the Maritime Prothe products of the Maritime Proto verify or contradict the statement, nor is vinces. Nature gives us, and we manufacture down here by the sear what they will not have in the North West. The peoples there will be chiefly encloved in agriculture and the raising of flocks and herds; save the raising of flocks and herds the raising of flocks and herds; save the raising the raising of flocks and herds the raising the raising of flocks and herds the raising the rai in the towns, where the manufacture graceful imputation that Professor Hinds' be got out by the twelve 4,000 000 feet A charge had been made against the of hides, the grinding of grain, and the manufacture of imported raw much to his discredit, he has allowed to put down 750,000 to a team—and you withdrawn. This amongst gentlemen material will be carried on Our wail himself of the columns of the press to would then be not far astray.

THE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

[For the Star.]

prarie does not afford iron ore,—our now unvalued hard woods will be and if he elects to flaunt his borrowed of Commons. The I.C.R. is the railway turned into use making chairs, and plumes before the public he should at thet Hon R. Hutchinson once declared least be prepared to defend his conduct and tables, and the various articles in least be prepared to defend his conduct and meet the disgrassful charge made alike would not pay for the grease on the imputed to him. Will this the analytical and the intention wheels.

had it. But read its present story : 125,855 91 \$1,419,955 60 \$2,233,496 34 1880 behind the Chatham Yours, etc.,

THE COUNTRY PROSPERS.

RAILWAY MAN.

When the Grits were out on their the Conservatives they will ruin the

rate at which we are going back :--Dan, Wiman & Co. make the follow- called for attack on your humble sering return of failures in Canada for last vant.

Province New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Ed Island

f \$29 347.937. In 1878 the number was 1.697, with liabilities of \$23 908 . SIR S. L. TILLEY'S speech is the \$25,523,903. It must be borne in mind that since the repeal of the msol- Advance and borne out by the practice vent Act there is no stated channel of that journal. through which the failures come, con- Regretting that I have occupied so sequently some are never heard of much of your valuable space with a outside of their creditors, but it is fair matter that cannot be of great public to assume they would form a small importance, percentage of the whole.

The poor Grits! and our poor gulled Yours, VOTER.

Miramichi, 20 January.

A COMPLAINT FROM ALNWICK.

The following is the letter which came without the writers name enclosed; and which we held over in consequence.

"Seeing you take a lively interest in tom.

It was not because Mr. Hind is a known. The docks, Blackfriar's bridge.

It was not because Mr. Hind is a Lambeth, and the southern district of authorities are in the knowledge of it; but Home Mude 12 property along the shore. Some loss of indeed to the man that next his linear but Eggs, per doz. life has occurred. The damage by flood regularly there are eleven hotels in full (b) Mr. Pope would not take his 000. The storm is the worst that has been lodged on oath to some of the mag been lodged on oath to some of the mag of the mag been lodged on oath to some of the mag been lodged on oath to some of the mag of the blast selling away. Complaints have Lobster do. The Thames has flooded the House of istrates of the fact, still they will not act. The Opposition press of course Parliament. Many of the members fined the fines would more than pay half space. You will hear from me again if there is no action taken in the matter.

Yours, RATEPAYER OF ALBWICK. A LETTER FROM Mr T. CRIMMEN.

To the Editor of the Star

SIR, -On taking up the Advance tocommitted, the fault is due to the Hon.
Peter Mitchell, formerly Minister of Marine Peter Mitchell, formerly Minister of Marine and Fisheries, under whose administration danger of some of them being totally that redoubtable sheet could devote nearly of the department it is said that the case for destroyed or so bally injured as to make a column of his space to undiluted Bill-Canada was prepared" I may state that I them unfit to live in after the water sub ingsgate, and scurrilous abuse of your then unfit to live in after the water sub ingsgate, and scurrious abuse of your me, though such doubtless has been the case sides. The people are taking refuse very humble servant. I never expected as you state it, and I would feel mach obliged if you could furnish me with a copy of
the document, and you may rest assured I
terror lest their lives should become a thanks to the editor for his gratuitous the document, and you may read the rising water.

A number of barges have been sunk with the honors poured on me, if it were ply these: You are justified in saying that in the Thames and several lives last.

The document, and you may read the rising water.

A number of barges have been sunk in the Thames and several lives last. I prepared the case which was substantially the one upon which the award was obtained and for which Sir Albert be fearful, and it is probable that a great the editor indulges. I must therefore

> school meeting was disposed of, I made a few remarks about a proposa! tor amalgamating the three districts of the town, which proposal had been placed before the trustees by the Inspector, by order of the Board of Education, so, I stated incidentally that the report should have ended the matter. But some one had been guilty of at least a breach of good manners, and the editor makes a simple explanation an attack on the respectable (?) press.

In his report of the meeting this champion of RESPECTABILITY states that I said the Inspector apologized. Now. I never said this. I said that he Neither did it when the Grits imputed to him. Will this "respectable" editor apologize for the misstatement, or must we, to use his own elegant language. Working ex-penses 1879 classify him as "mendacious"?

His personal insinuations I can pass over as pointless. The statement that I am a sub rosa correspondent displays the true reason of his unprovoked attack. The statement is false. The only correspondence I have with the newspapers consists in supplying themwhen requested, \$1,620,149 59 \$1,768,070 26 with statistics of trade, etc. Except these I have never directly or indirectly been implicated in any newspaper correspondence during the past three years.

In this connexion I may mention that ime and again, and often at considerable personal inconvenience, I have provided these returns for the Advance. Will the editor prove his insinuations, or will be applogize for the slander?

The reference to a "respectable" last canvas they said. If you return paper is to say the least, unhappy. the Conservatives they will suin the the meanest—the Globe foretold it, the

Freeman foretold, our deserter Snowball

strike caused, than in the last Dominion
election. The cause of this can easily foretold it, and here are some facts: a be traced by unprejudiced persons to the comparison of '80 with '79 to show the all uncharitableness," preached by the "Gospel of envy, hatred, malice and Advance, from its advent to its last un-

The question of the union of the districts is a comprehensive one, and can best be discussued without reference to such an humble individual as I, or even to such a RESPECTABLE person as 527.012 00 the editor of the Advance. It affects 822,317 60 the ratepayers of the town, and can best 103,500 00 65,721 00 he left to their judgment. If the expectation of \$500 a year is my motive, I \$8,012,783 35 can only say, that I will not take it till In 1879 the total number of failures it is earned, and hope never to receive or Canada were 1.902, with liabilities pay for services I never intend to per-

That " Respectable " journalism con-In 1877-1,892 failures and sists in personal vituperation, is another apothegm evolved from the editor of the

Tuos. CRIMMEN

District No. 1. Chatham.

Chatham Markets

CORRECTED AND REVISED FOR THE STAR. Flour, best brands Spring Extra. \$ 6 10 Higher Brands. \$6 500 8 50 Corn Meal, per bbl...... 3 40 Oat Meal (Canada) 6 00 Prime Mess, do. 12 00 Oysters (Harrington's best) p. bbl From other sources..... Mackerel (fresh) per doz Mackerel (salt)..... Codfish (dried), per lb Potatoes, per bbl..... Carrots, per bush..... Turnips..... Fresh Beef, per lb Mutton, per lb.....

Lamb (good), per lb.....

WE HAVE NOW MOURNING FOR HIM TY-ONE DAYS.

The County Council closed

Inspector Venning will b ham Tuesday.

Snewball Couplet.

Personal

It have me better te sell my Than to waste my time for t

Coincidence The M P for East North Ont. is dead. The M. P. thumberland, N. B., is also a

Good Farming Mr John Coleman took 1 of potatoes and 175 tons nesson from 15 acres of land.

A Call for Tenders.

In another column we publis for tenders for the tion of Foot paths to the St J office.

Bathurst Ratifies the Synaicate The Bathurst County Co passed a unanimous resolution af the Tupper Syndicate. Wi our Gloucester member of that

Petty Spite.

The action of the Council in fixi the price of the disputed county pied by Mr. A. A. Davidson was least small. It is surmised that chill and his confreres were actir instance of others If that be to surely not very creditable.

Sudden Death.

Mr Lawrence Gaynor of Gle suddenly at his residence yeste caught cold a few days previou hauling hay from his meado ceased came from Ireland so ago and was about 65 years

Mr. Warden Brown gave an supper to the Councillors and seve gentlemen—and others—at the Hotel Thursday evening. Speech made by several present, and pleasant evening was passed. M makes an excellent and a dignified

I hereby caution any person er using my name in any way in conner a cortain little scandal that has be the rounds of Chatham the last for Should I obtain proof of any parties I will speedily bring them to the justice

T.R. Colletts Photograph
Rooms opp Mass
Chatham 22 January 1881.—advt

Incorrect. The Star says it learns from vocate that the Freemasons of C ton will hold a Carnival there on We did state that the Fre will hold a Social there to-morr

a Carnival .- Advocate. A "Carnival" is a feast or meeting; "Social" used in the Advocate uses it is slang. It has no such use. Has the critic of the ever heard of the biter being bitt

Our Smelt Trade. If smelt are slack from now closing of the season, we h Covernment will extend the tim this seems to be the wish too seer Wyse and inspector Venning prices are good now, thanks to shipping; and the prospects for tinuance of good markets are a couraging -so our shippers, who adopting a proper mode of shppi

able prices, and no doubt they wi A Query.
It is hardly fair to a consci vote bearer now a days to state w politics are. -Star.

maintained paying prices, ough

able to pay our poor fisherman

Then how was it that our ary paraded the politics of the holders of the Chatham Gas Co -Advocate.

Because when we wrote the ite had not concluded that the stock That was as plain as a pike

Things in brief

We learn from the Advocate, That Rev. Mr Parnell delivered perance lecture to a large audie Newcastle last Friday evening ; an Mr. Parnell is a forcible and speaker; also.

That the 6th January instant made the occasion of a most happ pleasent union of the Jerseymen different stablishments of the C the day being the centenary of the of Jersey. Guns were fired durin day, with outside illuminations after and at the supper in the evening ufual toasts were given and respond all uniting in congratulating them on the issue of the battle on which French invaders were completely ed, and that throug's the fruits brilliant victory won by their and one hundred years ago, they we day able to enjoy their ancient law privileges under the benign ru Oneen Victoria. That,

Messrs Geo. Ingraham and Brown have received the contra erect two range light buildings of Island, and on Fox Island; and the Hon. Mr. Fergason having regulated, takes his seat in the Ser

STAR BRIEFS.

We regret to see the New Gla Plain Dealer allowing "original po in its columns. We say this because wise the Plain Dealer is one of the conducted papers in Nova Scotia.